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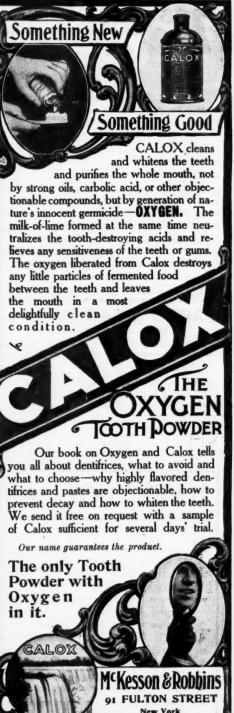
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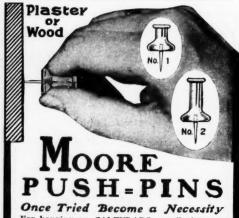
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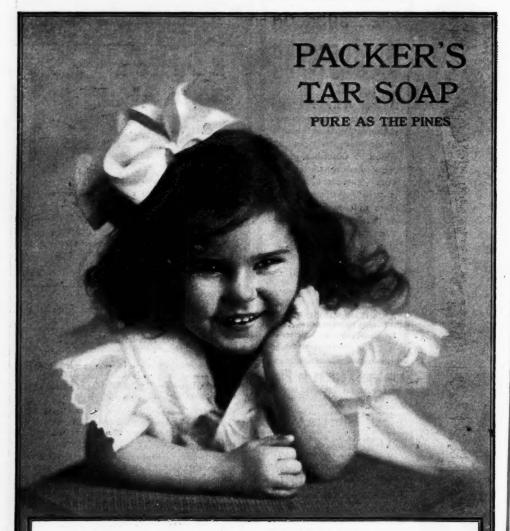
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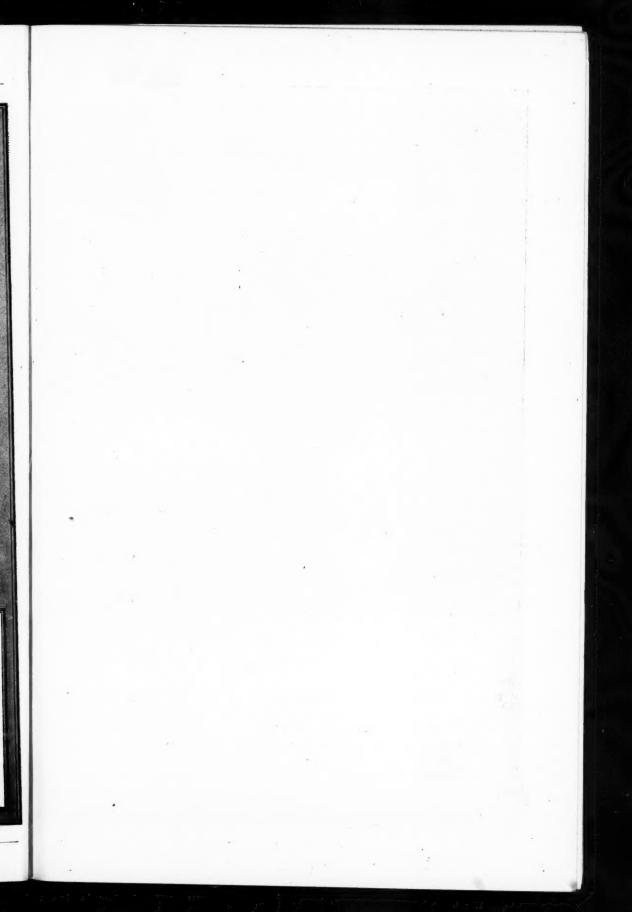


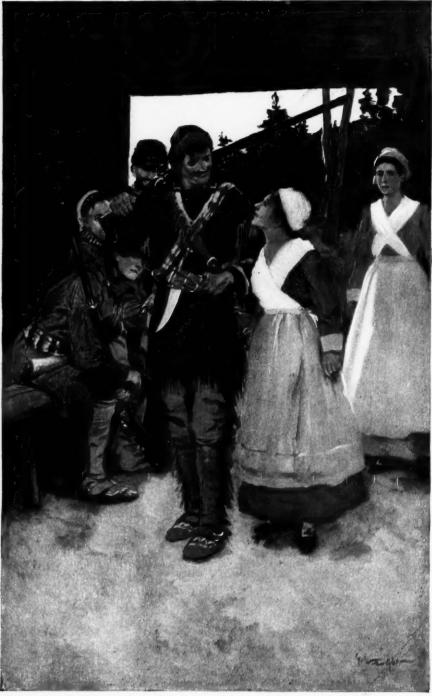
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AND THE HINTS OF THE MATRONS
[See "The Story on the Factor's Book," page 48]

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"THE RIVA"-ONE OF THE VENETIAN SERIES, KNOWN TO COLLECTORS AS "RIVA NUMBER TWO" By courtesy of M. Knoedler & Company from the etching by Whistler

WHISTLER FROM WITHIN

BY CHRISTIAN BRINTON

AN INQUIRY INTO THE INNER SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ART OF THE GREATEST AMERICAN PAINTER AND ETCHER OF HIS DAY-THE CONSISTENCY OF HIS DEVELOPMENT FROM JOYOUS REALISM TO THE SHADOWY NUANCES OF A SPIRITISTIC POINT OF VIEW-FIRST AND LAST, A MAN OF HIGH PRINCIPLE

previous ideas of Whistler. Let us forget all the vapid stories, grotesque It is time for his work to speak for failing clarity and enthusiasm.

ET us for the moment put aside all itself in its own incomparably subtle and persuasive language. It is enough if he stand there in the dim studio prompting theories, and clumsy misconceptions with now and again, or pointing the way as which he has so long been surrounded. he might once have done with his un-



"LA FRUITIÈRE DE LA RUE DE GRENELLE" — A VIEW OF A PARISIAN FRUIT-STORE

By courtesy of M. Knoedler & Company from the lithograph by Whistler

Why has this man who took such deliberate pains to explain himself remained a puzzle, an enigma? How is it possible that he should have eluded not only a

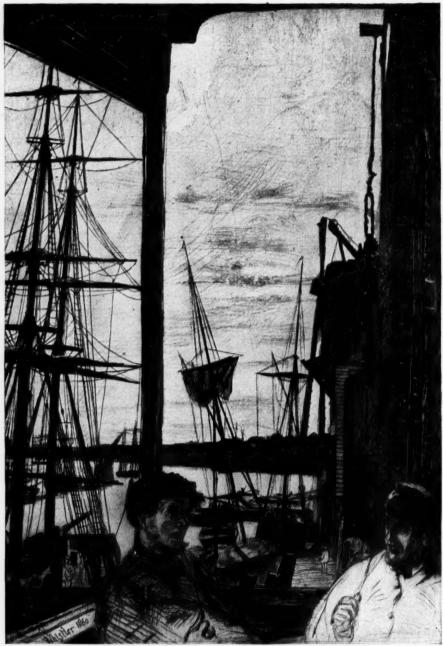
lies in the fact that Whistler has invariably been approached from without instead of from within. Nothing could be more dissimilar than the Whistler of tra-



JAMES McNEILL WHISTLER By courtesy of Frederick Keppel & Company from the soft-ground etching by Paul Adolphe Rajon

vast inquisitive public, but his friends and followers as well? Why does he always retreat nimbly as you advance, gliding farther and farther into the distance just as his portraits seem to dissolve into their vague backgrounds, their matchless envelope of mystery?

dition and the Whistler of truth. Stripped of all that has been foisted upon them of specious and foreign, of malicious or frivolous, the man and his message shine forth full of spontaneous unity. Instead of being a clever mountebank, he was in reality a mystic and a The answer is simplicity itself. It martyr. Instead of being careless and



"ROTHERHITHE" - ONE OF THE THAMES SERIES. IN THE LATER ETCHINGS FIGURES ARE NOT SEEN AT CLOSE RANGE LIKE THESE TWO FISHERMEN

By courtesy of Frederick Keppel & Company from the etching by Whistler

inconsequent, he was one of the most scrupulous embodiments of the esthetic conscience ever known. It is marvelous and obloquy, and that subsequent period

of adulation and over-praise. He succeeded in doing so only because his was the life of the spirit, because he possessed the calm austerity of an Emerson, the lofty self-detachment of a Swedenborg.

You will perhaps think that all this

From the outset his practise was to eliminate, to simplify. He began with rich, almost robust qualities; he loved form, color, and contour, yet one by one he renounced what are usually deemed the essentials of pictorial representation. Little



"MY MOTHER"

From the portrait, by Whistler, in the Luxembourg Gallery, Paris

sounds ecstatic; you may doubtless find it difficult to associate such ideas with the Whistler of convention, the nonchalant Whistler whose existence seemed to his contemporaries so aimless, and who left behind so much that appears transitory or experimental. In the interest of verity let us, however, judge this eager, zealous being according to his own standards; let us measure him by his own restrained and aristocratic accomplishment.

No man in the history of graphic expression presents a more intense and exalted example of artistic purification.

by little his art became fastidious and evanescent, the merest phantom suggestion of fact. It passed through a continual process of etherealization.

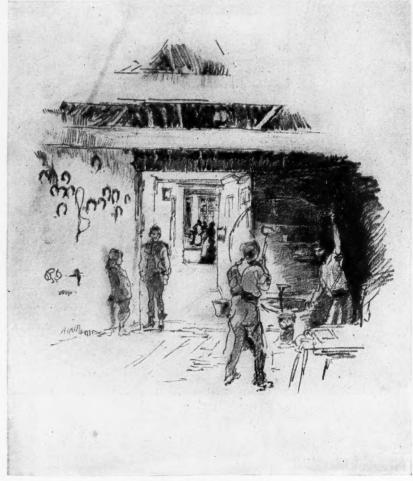
THE PUREST ALCHEMY OF ART

Do those later portraits, lingering so far back in their black or dull gold frames, depict actual men and women, or are they eloquent, disembodied souls? Are these luminous nocturnes bits of Venice and the Thames, or are they but the magic record of vagrant impressions? Is this fleeting glow the radiance of nature or the powdered dust blown from

countless fairy butterfly wings? You cannot form a valid reply without bearing in mind that Whistler began a realist and ended a spiritist, that what he achieved was the purest alchemy of art.

Let us, then, follow him from those

cedents and youthful associations. From the beginning he displayed a haughty contempt for externals. It was the idea which attracted him, seldom the fact. When, after a whimsical militant experience, he arrived in Paris, it was the

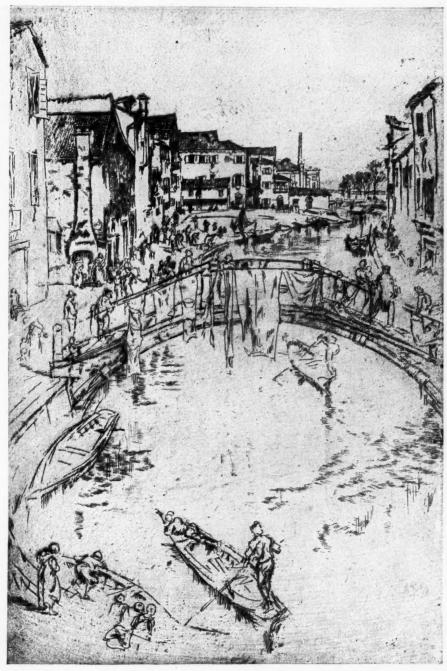


"THE TIRESMITH—CHELSEA"

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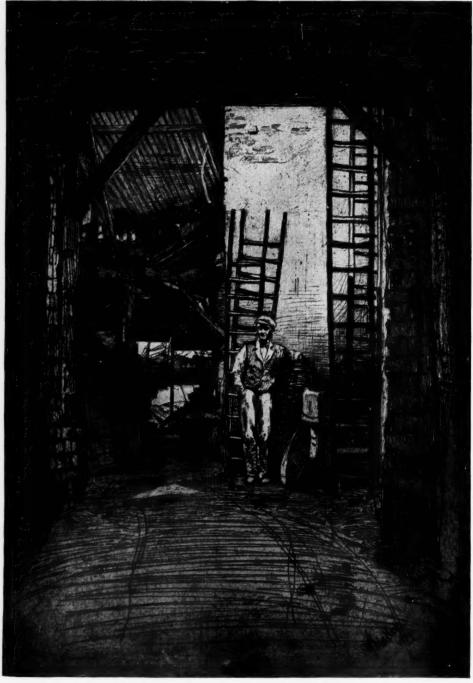
early Paris days, when he saw so vividly and so joyously, to the deepening twilight of that last quiescent hour in Chelsea when all he had seen and dreamed melted into the great, encircling infinity.

With an instinctive knowledge that details in themselves signify little, Whistler adroitly rebuffed the prying nobodies who industriously delved into his antetheory of realism in which he became absorbed, not its practise. It is true that under the direct influence of Rembrandt he painted certain vigorous portraits, notably the one of himself with the hat, which clearly recall the great Dutchman's plastic energy and heavy, oily palette. It is equally obvious that the rugged Courbet is reflected in his "Coast"



"THE BRIDGE" — ONE OF THE VENETIAN SERIES, SHOWING THE GRADUAL ETHEREALIZATION OF WHISTLER'S STYLE

By courtesy of Frederick Keppel & Company from the etching by Whistler



"THE LIME-BURNER" — ONE OF THE THAMES SERIES

By courtesy of Frederick Keppel & Company from the etching by Whistler

of Brittany" and the clairvoyant Manet in his "Thames in Ice"; yet this phase was transient, and bears little relation to his subsequent work.

WHISTLER'S FRIENDSHIP WITH FANTIN

His favorite counselor and companion Fantin, the gentle visionary who gazed at simple interiors, at young girls reading or embroidering, at the whole subdued intimacy of daily life, through the tenderest, most pervasive soul-mist that art has thus far known. They first met in the Louvre, and then and there began the friendship which proved so stimulating to both, especially to the student from oversea. There was always a deep mental as well as artistic affinity between the two men. Though Whistler shortly crossed the Channel, the inspiration of Fanpersisted, subtly helping him to paint his "At the Piano," so full of rich and quiet tonality, so infused with the permeating limpidity of atmosphere, the beauty of sentiment, and the suggestion of softly played melody. From Fantin, too, per-

haps, came also the idea of those later and still more insinuating harmonies and symphonies; for Fantin was already dreaming of transposing to black and white the throbbing utterances of Wagner, Schumann, Brahms, and Berlioz. The whole influence of Fantin was in the direction of a rhythmic, appealing eloquence, a psychic radiation through which were to emerge the beseeching shapes of an ever-present spirit-world.

Yet it need not be assumed that the



"THE LITTLE ROSE OF LYME REGIS"

From the Copley print of the portrait, by Whistler, in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts

Whistler of this formative period was in any degree lacking in a proper sense of actuality or definition. Utterly without academic leanings or reverence for the schools, he declined to pass his time copying old masters in the Louvre, but went inquisitively about the bright streets and squares of Paris, or strolled along the Thames water-front, selecting here and there whatever impressed him as being picturesque and refreshing. The etching needle was used with transcend-



"AT THE PIANO" - A PORTRAIT OF WHISTLER'S SISTER, LADY HADEN, WIFE OF THE FAMOUS ENGLISH ETCHER, SIR FRANCIS SEYMOUR HADEN, AND HER DAUGHTER,
MISS ANNIE HADEN

From the painting, by Whistler, in the possession of Mr. Edmund Davis

ent fluency and charm, whether in catching the quaint, thoughtful profile of "Bibi Lalouette" or a 'longshoreman seated in his slowly drifting scow. It is the etched portraits, such as those of "Becquet," "Drouet," and his own youthful countenance crowned with masses of wavy hair, which particularly enriched this early French series; for when he moved to London humanity was subordinated to those incomparable views of wharves and warehouses, swaying masts and tall chimneys standing sharp against the sky, which characterize the Thames set. Just as he rarely, for color or movement, duplicated the vividness and sweeping vigor of "The Blue Wave" breaking on the shore of Biarritz, so he never again attempted the accurate, netlike tracery of "Billingsgate" or "Black Lion Wharf." They are unique, these plates, in the field of etching. One after another they reveal the clearest vision and the surest hand that ever chose the needle and copper surface as a means of expressing nature's baffling intricacy.

Years later, in Venice, when he turns

to etching once again, Whistler is a different man. He has ceased to care for the same effects. You cannot put your finger on the walls or crumbling cornices of these palaces along the Grand Canal. They appear before you phantom-like and ephemeral, or stretch in slender lines across the distant, iridescent horizon. You never see the figure at close range, like the two rivermen comfortably puffing their clay pipes in "Rotherhithe." Infinitesimal specks of personality flit by the Riva; gondolas glide to and fro in the twilight; here rises a campanile, there looms the swelling dome of La Salute; all is magical in its delicacy, its feather lightness of touch. Now and then you pause before an entrance or glance into a garden or courtyard, merely, it seems, the better to realize the contrasting vagueness and remote, illusory splendor of this city by the sea.

THE KEENNESS OF HIS OBSERVATION

Do not imagine, because Whistler transcribed less and less at each stage of his development, that he saw less, that



"MISS ALEXANDER"

From the fainting, by Whistler, in the possession of Mr. W C. Alexander

discerning more and more; he discovered folk near by were doing. He was at-nuances which were indescribably diffitationing the dexterity of those lace-

his power of observation in any degree He was accomplishing, indeed, with his diminished. The truth is that he kept etcher's needle just what certain simpler

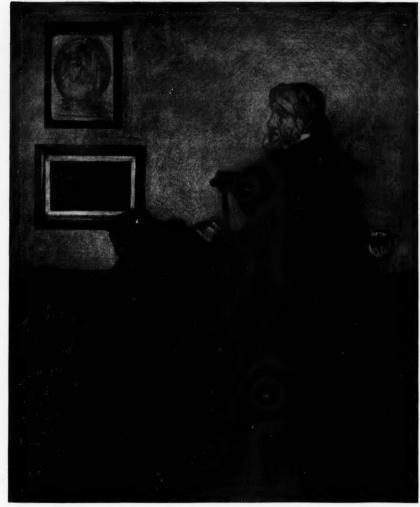


"BECQUET" — A PORTRAIT OF WHISTLER'S FRIEND, BECQUET, THE SCULPTOR By courtesy of Frederick Keppel & Company from the etching by Whistler

With each step forward he acquired increased facility and precision of pattern.

cult to perceive, and these he recorded makers he must often have seen bending with matchless freedom and vivacity. over their work in some sunlit doorway or seated at a quiet window.

The Whistler of the etchings, litho-



"THOMAS CARLYLE" — ONE OF THE PAINTINGS THAT MARK THE CLIMAX OF THE ARTIST'S AUSTERITY OF STATEMENT

From the portrait, by Whistler, in the Glasgow Art Galleries

graphs, and pastels will always remain the Whistler for those of minute, attenuated artistic perceptions. It is the author of the "Mother," "Carlyle," and "Miss Alexander" who attracts broader, more explicit minds. In painting he passed through the same process of renunciation as in the strictly graphic arts. Yet during the period when he was feeling his way with tragic eagerness, he was not above accepting assistance from the outside. Behind the tremulous aspiration of "At the Piano," Fantin, as

we know, nods in grateful recognition and approval. Beside the "White Girl" and the "Princesse du Pays de la Porcelaine" lingers the luxuriantly sensuous Rossetti, while over those two maidens in a "Symphony in White, No. 3," Albert Moore cast a spell of that same classic immobility and mellowness which was wafted from the shores of Sicily and the gleaming isles of the Egean. From print or shop front Whistler caught bewitching glimpses of Japan, and in the Louvre stood transfixed



"BLACK LION WHARF" — ONE OF THE THAMES SERIES, SHOWING THE CHARACTERISTIC FIGURES IN THE FOREGROUND

By courtesy of Frederick Keppel & Company from the etching by Whistler

before the sweeping line and silver gray vibrancy of Velasquez. Each separate factor contributed to his esthetic maturity. He selected this, he assimilated that, blending all into his own innately personal and exclusive vision.

HIS SUPREME ARTISTIC RESTRAINT

Nothing is more illuminating than to note how through an almost frenzied self-chastisement he rose to spiritual height and the supreme artistic restraint of the "Mother" and the "Carlyle." Before long he shrank in disgust from the stolid truculence of Courbet; he even left behind without a pang of regret the full-keyed brilliance of "The Music Room" with its exquisite, instantaneous figures, simple reading-lamp, flowered chintz curtains, and porcelain vase reflected in the clear mirror.

It was doubtless with somewhat easier conscience that he forsook such elaborate Japanese arrangements as "The Golden Screen," "Lange Leizen of the Six Marks," and "On the Balcony," which had never meant more to him than studies in decorative distribution. The balcony on which these fragile creatures were grouped was, in point of fact, the bal-

cony of his own house. He did not even add an imaginary profile of Fuji towering in the distance, but let us see the winding river with its dimly outlined warehouses and scattered shipping. And after all it mattered little, for he soon cleansed himself of an effete, exotic orientalism: He soon began to look within, to express things in their briefest terms, to paint, as it were, with the penetrant intensity of thought alone.

A MAN OF LOFTY PRINCIPLES

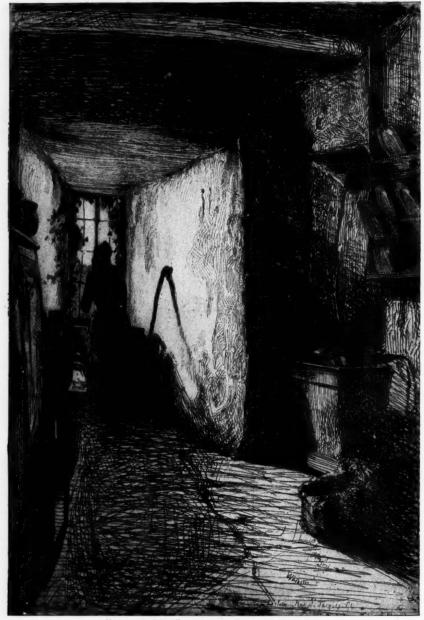
It was not through gifts wholly esthetic that Whistler was able to conceive the "Mother" and the "Carlyle," but also by grace of qualities distinctly intellectual and moral. In all matters he was essentially a purist. His numerous quarrels were questions of principle, not merely the splenetic vagaries of a tantalizing egotist. Art was his religion, and for his artistic creed he was ready to make any sacrifice. You cannot gaze at these two canvases without feeling that they represent the sovereign force of pure mentality as well as finely attuned sensibilities. The abstract reasoning of his engineer-mathematician father and the exalted piety of his mother were curi-



"BIBI LALOUETTE" - THE CHILD OF WHISTLER'S LANDLORD IN PARIS By courtesy of Frederick Keppel & Company from the etching by Whistler

"Mother," seated in that subdued room, her hands peacefully folded, her eyes is easy to imagine her having written in

ously blended in Whistler's making. The fixed intently upon the world invisible,



"THE KITCHEN" - ONE OF THE FRENCH SERIES

By courtesy of Frederick Keppel & Company from the etching by Whistler

her diary, during those diverting St. Petersburg days, after her sons had been up late the night before watching the illuminations:

noon Friday; this is surely not keeping the straight and narrow way.

Although strangely puzzled at times in later years, she must have felt that her My boys did not take their breakfast till "darling Jimmie" was, after all, keeping with infinite precision the straight

and narrow way.

You will as readily agree that no one who was not himself something of a Covenanter could have painted the "Carlyle" as you will that no one whose sympathies were not of the most exquisite fiber could have revealed to us little "Miss Alexander" waiting there in delicate white and gray, a black bow in her hat, a black ribbon in her hair, a pair of butterflies flitting above her blond head, and a cluster of daisies peeping out of the corner. Nothing that Whistler has ever done quite approaches this gracious, hesitant apparition. The greatest galleries of the world can show nothing more lovely, more appealing, or more sensitive. All that Whistler had been striving for was there at last. that he had written to Fantin in despair of ever achieving had been achieved. With a line as sure as that of Velasquez, and a surface as smooth as the finest lacquer, he imprisoned at the moment and for all time this modern infanta, this slender slip of latter-day culture and civilization. Though the "Mother" and the "Carlyle" mark the climax of Whistler's austerity of statement, his complete surrender to the spiritual, rather than the material, little "Miss Alexander" seems to pause wistfully on the threshold of this kingdom where actuality was almost to attain the vanishing-point. She suggests, indeed, both prophecy and regret. Perhaps she is even pleading with the painter not to step farther into shadowland.

THE CHILDREN OF BRAIN AND NERVE

However that may be, he was not to heed her warning. Never again do we see such pearl-like luminosity of tone and such caressing certainty of outline. Black, the universal harmonizer, herewith begins to breathe its somber, aristocratic allure over figure and background. Henceforth we move silently into a realm of half lights, of suggested color, and undefined form. Mutely resigned, "Rosa Corder" stands tall and impassive, her plumed hat hanging at her side, her body turned more than half aroundblack, in an atmosphere almost as black. Slipping on her glove ready to depart, "Lady Archibald Campbell" smiles imperceptibly as she blends into the enfolding gloom. Amid poetic nothingness, "Comte Robert de Montesquiou-Fezensac" recites verses quite as impalpable, while from the near-by music-room float the strains of "Sarasate's" violin.

They are children of the brain and creatures of the nerves, these beautiful, hesitant beings. Resemblance counts for little, and yet each is definitely individualized, each vibrates with life and truth, a truth not so much of the world physical as of the world psychic. As you look intently from one to another the body appears to recede, the soul to glide forward, inviting confidence and understanding.

THE FINAL PHASE OF WHISTLER'S ART

On approaching the final phase of Whistler's art it is necessary to renounce all conventional conceptions of painting. Subject, direct representation of nature, and what is called incident, rapidly disappear. A chance mood, a momentary impression, an evasive allusion, these are all that remain. Along the river bank in "Pink and Gray Chelsea" pass and repass vague, detached silhouettes. A few scattered, spectral figures flit about the "Cremorne Gardens," listening to the music and watching the flicker of countless lights; but soon you are alone with naught save the mystery and the magic of night. And yet this turquoise blue immensity is never quite without its note of contrast, its touch of emo-'tional relief. You can literally hear long waves breaking on the shore, see the distant gleam from ships riding softly at anchor, or watch for an instant the suspended incandescence of a bursting rocket.

A CONSUMMATE PAINTER OF NIGHT

Here, too, no one has attempted effects so subtle, so illusive. As a painter of night, Whistler never had a kinsman save perhaps Hiroshige, in far Japan. It is only when you consider the infinite penetration of vision and deftness of stroke which these little panels exact that you begin to understand how really consummate an artist Whistler was. Nothing seemed to baffle him, nothing escaped his incredible refinement of perception and supreme power of suggestion.

Reviewing in turn this succession of nocturnes, harmonies, symphonies, and arrangements, so full of suppressed color and almost audible melody, so intangible, so subliminal, it is difficult not to feel that Whistler enlisted qualities hitherto unknown to painting. Instinctively you recall his enthusiasm for the stories of Poe. Spontaneously the mind travels back to those early London days, and to the tiny cottage in Walham Green where he used to busy himself with table-turning and spirit-rapping, or to sit up all night discussing with Rossetti things which lie just across the border-line of consciousness.

INDIFFERENCE TO THE MATERIAL WORLD

His habits were singularly abstemious, his nature was deeply ascetic, and as he drifted through the increasing years he resolutely put aside all that appeals directly to the lust of the eye and the pride of life. He grew indifferent to the world of pleading reality which lay always about him; he even forgot the red-gold hair, green eyes, and infectious laugh of "Joe." He came to see everything through the gray fogs of London and the veiled mists of the brain. As he pressed lightly and eagerly onward, peering forward into the unkown, he simply jotted down what he found in this uncharted land.

It is easy to maintain that the arabesques which he so delicately traced are impersonal, that this art is immaterial, isolated, and lacking in human application. It is impossible, however, to hold that it is ever wanting in sheer beauty or persuasive evocation. And above all it is impossible not to realize that before he passed away that lingering summer afternoon he had with his sensitive, nervous fingers unlocked a new and secret chamber of the soul.

EDITOR'S NOTE—This article is one of a series suggested by the death, within a remarkably brief space of time, of a number of the most famous artists of their generation—among them Bouguereau, Bréton, Gérôme, and Henner, in France; Lenbach and Menzel, in Germany; the English Watts and the American Whistler. A paper to be published next month will deal with the life and work of Henner; those already printed were on Gérôme, in the June number of this magazine, and on Lenbach, in the September issue.

THE LOST WINGS

"Know you where it was I lost my wings?"

"Oh, poet, at the Mart of Sordid Things,
Where the merchants strive and barter all day long,
Where the clamor of the huckster drowned your song—
Oh, poet, at the Mart of Sordid Things!"

"Know you where it was I lost my wings?"

"Oh, poet, at the House of Pleasing Things—
At the place of noisy laughter, where the mirth
Of wine and feasting dragged your song to earth—
Oh, poet, at the House of Pleasing Things!"

"Know you where it was I lost my wings?"

"Oh, poet, at the Place of Trifling Things;

The little scorn, the spite, the lesser love—

These maimed your song and killed the sweets thereof;

Oh, poet, at the Place of Trifling Things!"

"Where, then, shall I find my wings again?"

"Oh, poet, in the Prison House of Pain—

From the silence, from the anguish, from the night,
Shall the sudden song of singing thrill to flight;
Oh, poet, in the Prison House of Pain!"

Theodosia Garrison

TO HIM THAT HATH*

A STORY OF PRESENT-DAY LIFE AND ITS PROBLEMS

BY LEROY SCOTT

Mr. Scott's striking novel will run serially through this and the following issues of Munsey's Magazine. That it is sure to arouse unusual interest will be plain to all who read the first instalment

THE Rev. Philip Morton, head of St. Christopher's Mission, had often said that, in event of death or serious accident, he wished David Aldrich to be placed in charge of his personal affairs; so when at ten o'clock of a September morning the janitor, at order of the frightened housekeeper, broke into the bath-room and found Morton's body lying white and dead in the tub, the housekeeper's first clear thought was of a telegram to David.

The message came to David while his pen was racing hotly through a new story. He glanced at the telegram; then his tall figure sank back into his chair, and he stared at the yellow sheet. Never before had death struck him so heavy a blow. The wound of his mother's death had come in quick-healing childhood; and though his father, a Western mining engineer, had died only seven years before, David had known him chiefly as the remotely placed giver of an allowance. But Morton had long been his best friend—almost his only friend. For a space the blow made him stupid; then the keen pain of his personal loss shot through him, and after it a sense of the vast loss of the people about St. Christopher's.

But there was no time for inactive grief. He quickly threw a black suit and a week's linen into a traveling-bag, and within an hour after the New York train pulled out of his New Jersey suburb, he stood across the street from St. Christopher's Mission—a chapel of red brick, with a short spire rising above the tenements' flat heads, and adjoining

it a four-story club-house in whose windows greened forth boxes of ivy and geraniums. The doors of the chapel stood wide, as they always did for whoso desired to rest or pray; but the doors of the club-house, usually open, were closed against the casual visitor by the fluttering seal of death.

David held his eyes a moment on the fourth-story windows, behind which he knew his friend lay; then he crossed the street and rang the bell. He was admitted into the large hallway, hung with brown prints of masterpieces, and cut with numerous doors leading into clubrooms. Instantly he was struck by the emptiness, the silence, of the great building—the strange childlessness.

As he started up the stairway he saw at its head a tall young woman, dressed in black. He flushed, and his mounting steps quickened.

"Miss Chambers!" he cried.

She swept down toward him with effortless grace, smiling, her hand outheld. He trembled as he heard his name in her rich, soft voice, as he clasped her hand, as he looked into the sincerity, the dignity, the rare beauty of her face.

"I happened to be in town for a few days," she said, with eager gravity. "I hurried here as soon as I learned of Dr. Morton's death to see if I couldn't be of service. But Bishop Harper has sent Dr. Thorn, and Mrs. Humphrey told me you were coming, so I am useless."

"What caused his death?" asked David. "I've had only a bare announcement."

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She gave him the details. "His doctor told me he had a weak heart," she added. "In all likelihood, the doctor said, the shock of the cold bath had caused heart failure. Perhaps the seizure itself was fatal; perhaps it was recoverable, but while helpless he drowned."

A few minutes later she passed on. David followed her with his eyes. This was but the second time he had seen her since her mother's death, six months before; and her beauty, all in black, was still a fresh marvel to him. When the door closed upon her he mounted stairs and passed through hallways, likewise hung with brown prints and opening into club-rooms, till he came to the door of Morton's quarters.

Mrs. Humphrey, the housekeeper, answered his ring, and her eyes flowed fresh grief as she took his hand and led him into the sitting-room, walled with

Morton's books.

"The noblest, the ablest, the kindest of men—gone—and only thirty-five!" she said, between her sobs. "Millions might have been called, and no difference; but he was the one we couldn't spare. And yet God took him!"

The same cry against God's injustice had been rising from David's own grief. Mrs. Humphrey continued her lamentations, but they were soon interrupted by the entrance of a clergyman, whom she introduced as Dr. Thorn. Dr. Thorn explained that Bishop Harper, knowing Morton had no relatives, had sent him to take charge of the funeral arrangements; and he went on to say that if David had any wishes he would be glad to carry them out. It was a relief to David to be freed of the business details of his friend's funeral. He replied that he had no suggestions, and Dr. Thorn withdrew, taking with him Mrs. Humphrey.

Alone, memories of his friend lying in the next room rushed upon him. After a time he moved to a window and looked out over the geraniums and ivy into the narrow street, with its dingy, red-faced tenements zigzagged with fire-escapes. His mind slipped back six years to the time when Morton took charge of St. Christopher's, which then occupied merely an old dwelling, and when he, a boy

of twenty, had first visited the neighborhood. It was then a crowded district forgotten by those who called themselves good and just, remembered only by landlords, politicians, and saloon-keepers—grimy, quarrelsome, profane, ignorant of how to live. Now decency was here. There was still poverty, but it was a respectable poverty. Men brought home their pay, and fought less often. Shawled wives went less frequently with beer-pails to the side entrances of saloons. It was becoming uncommon to hear a child swear.

David's mind ran over the efforts by which this change had been wrought-Morton's forcing the police to close disorderly resorts; his eloquent appeals to the public for fair treatment of such neighborhoods as his; his unwearied visiting of the sick, and his ready assumption of the troubles of others; his perfect good-fellowship, which made all approach him freely, yet none with disrespectful familiarity; his wonderful sermons, so simple, direct, and appealing that there was never an empty seat. He was sympathetic, magnetic, devoted, brilliant. Thus he had won the people; not all, for many still sneered at him, though even these were bettered by the changes he had brought about; but in three or four hundred families he was God.

David turned from the window. Mrs. Humphrey had asked if she should not take him in to see Morton, but he had shrunk from having eyes upon him when he entered the presence of his dead friend. He now moved to the door of Morton's chamber, paused chokingly, then stepped into the darkened room. On the bed lay a slender, sheeted figure. For the first moment awe at the mystery of life rose above all other feelings. On Monday he had seen Morton, strangely depressed, to be sure, but in his usual health; this was Saturday, and there he lay!

His emotions trembling upon eruption, David crossed slowly to the bed, with fearing hand drew the sheet from the face, and for several minutes gazed down at the fine, straight nose, at the deeply set eyes, and at the high, broad forehead, the most spendid he had ever seen, with the soft hair falling away from it against the pillow. Then suddenly he sank to a chair, and his grief broke from him.

Soon his mind began to dwell upon the contrast between Morton and himselfwhat a great light was this that had been stricken out, what a pitiable candleflame was this that had been left burn-In the presence of these dead powers he felt how small his literary achievement was, how small his chance of future success, how comparatively trivial that success would be, even if gained. David had felt to its full the responsibility of life; he had longed, with a keenness that was at times actual physical pain, to make his life count But he realized now, as he for good. gazed at the white face on the pillow, that here also his achievement was nothing.

At this moment of stress it did not occur to him that perhaps his was a delayed fruitage; he could see only his barrenness. He burned with a sudden rush of shame that he was alive, and he clenched his hands and in tense whispers cried out against the injustice of God in taking so useful a man as Morton and leaving so useless a cumbrance as himself. But this defiance soon passed into a different mood. He slipped to his knees, and a wish sobbed forth from the bottom of his heart that he might change places with the figure on the bed.

The wish was present in his thoughts all that evening and the next two days, as he did his part in the sad routine of the funeral arrangements. The service was set for the evening, so that the people of the neighborhood could be present without difficulty or loss. At the hour of beginning, the chapel was packed to the doors. David learned afterward that as large a crowd stood without, and that many notables who had come at the appointed time were unable to get in.

Bishop Harper himself was in charge, and about him were gathered the best-known clergymen in the city—a tribute to his dead friend that quickened both David's pride and grief. The bishop was ordinarily a pompous speaker of sonorcuplatitudes, ever conscious of his high office. But to-night he had a simple, touching subject; he forgot himself and spoke simply, touchingly. When he used

an adjective it was a superlative, and yet the superlative did not seem to reach the height of Morton's worth. Morton was "the most gifted, the most devoted" man of the bishop's acquaintance, and the other clergymen by their looks showed complete and unjealous approval

of all his praise.

David's eyes flowed at the tribute paid Morton by his peers; yet he was far more moved by the inarticulate tribute of the simple people who crowded the chapel. Whatever was good in their lives, Morton had brought them; and now, mixed with their sense of loss, was an unshaped fear of how hard it was going to be to hold fast to that good without his help. Never before had David seen anything so affecting; and even in after days, when he saw Morton's death with new eyes, the picture of the love and grief of this audience remained with him, unsoiled, as the strongest, sincerest scene he had ever witnessed. women—factory girls, women, hard-working wives-wept with their souls in their tears and their moans; and the men-laborers, teamsters, and the like-let the tears stream openly down their cheeks, unashamed. chapel was one great sob, choked down at times, at times stopping the bishop's words. It was as if they were all orphaned.

All through the service, one cry rose from David's heart, and continued to repeat itself while the audience, and then the crowd in the street, filed by the open casket—and still rose as, later, he sat with bowed head in a front pew beside

the coffin:

"If only I could change places, and give him back to them!"

II

DAVID was sitting in Morton's study, looking through the six years' accumulation of letters and documents, saving some, destroying others, when he came upon a dusty snap-shot photograph. Hands and eyes were arrested; Morton sank from his mind. Four persons sat in little sailboat; their faces wore blinking sun-smiles; about and beyond them was the broad, white blaze of the Sound. The four were Miss Chambers and her mother, Morton, and himself.

The day of the photograph ran its course again, hour by hour, in David's mind, and slowly rose other pictures of his acquaintance with Helen Chambers -of their first meeting, three years before, at a dinner at St. Christopher's Mission; of later meetings at St. Christopher's, where she had a club, and where he was a frequent visitor; of the spring passed at St. Christopher's two years before, during the early part of which he, in Morton's stead, had aided her in selecting furnishings for a summer house given by her father for the mission children; of two weeks at the end of that summer which he and Morton had spent at Myrtle Hill, the Chamberses' country home on the Sound.

In moments when his courage had been high and his fancy had run riotously free, he had dared to dream wild dreams of her; but now, as he gazed at the photograph, he sighed. In place and fortune she was on the level of the highest; he was far below—still only a struggler, obscure, barely keeping himself alive.

Yes-he was still only a struggler. He nodded as his mind repeated the sentence. Now and then his manuscripts were accepted—but only now and then. His English was admirable, this he had been often told. But there was something lacking in almost all he wrote; and this, too, he had often been told. David had tried to write of the big things, the real things—and of such a man cannot write convincingly till he has thought deeply or traveled in person through the deep places. David's trouble was that he did not know life-but no one had told him this. So in his ignorance of the real difficulty, he had thought to conquer his unsuccess by putting forth a greater effort. He had gone out less and less often; he had sat longer and longer at his writing-table; his English had become finer and finer. And his people had grown more hypothetical, The faster he ran, the more unreal. farther away was the goal.

He sighed again. Then his square jaw tightened, his eyes narrowed to grim crescents, his clenched fist lightly pounded the desk; and to a phalanx of imaginary editors he announced with slow defiance:

"Some of these days you'll all be

camping on my door-step. You just wait!"

He was returning to the sifting of the letters when the bell of the apartment rang. He answered the ring himself, as Mrs. Humphrey was out for the afternoon. He opened the door upon a shabby, gray-haired man with a beery, cunning smile. His manner suggested that he had been there before.

"Is Mr. Morton at home?" the caller

asked.

"No," David answered shortly, not caring to vouchsafe the information that Morton was two days buried. "But I represent him."

"Then I guess I'll wait."

"He'll not be back."

The man hesitated, then a dirty hand drew an envelope from a torn pocket. "I was to give it only to him, but I guess it'll be all right to leave it with you."

David closed the door, ripped open the envelope, glanced at the note, turned abruptly and reentered Morton's study, and read the lines again:

You paid no attention to the warning I sent you last Friday. This is the last time I shall write. If I don't get the money today, the letters will be given out.

L. D.

He was clutched with a vague fear. Who was "L. D."? And how could money be thus demanded of Morton? His mind was racing away into wild guesses, when he observed there was no street or number on the note. In the same instant it flashed upon him that the strange message must be investigated, and that the address of its writer was walking away in the person of the old messenger.

He caught his hat, rushed down the stairs, and came upon the old man just outside the club-house entrance.

"I want to see the writer of that note," he said. "Give me the address."

"Do better'n that. I'll go with you. I'm the janitor there."

David was too agitated to refuse the offer. They walked in silence for several paces; then the old man said, jerking his head toward the club-house and

winking knowingly:

"Lucky they don't know where you're goin'. But I'm safe. Safe as a clam!"

He reassured David with his beery smile; but the vague dread increased.

"What do you mean?"

"Innocent front! Oh, you're a wise one, I see. But you can trust me. I'm safe!"

David was silent for several paces. "Who is this man 'L. D.'?"

"This man!" he cackled. "This

man! Oh, you'll do!"

David looked away in disgust; the old satyr made him think of the garbage of dissipation. During their fifteenminute ride on a street-car, his indefinite fear changed from one dreadful shape to another. After a short walk the old man led the way into a small apartment-house, and up the stairs.

He paused before a door. "Here's your man," he said, nudging David and giving his dry, throaty little laugh.

"Thanks," said David.

But the guide did not leave. "Ain't you got a dime that's makin' trouble for the rest o' your coin?"

David handed him ten cents. "Safe as a clam!" he whispered, and went down the stairs with a cackle about "the man."

David hesitated awhile, with highbeating heart, then knocked at the door. It was opened by a colored maid.

"Who lives here?" he asked.

"Miss Lillian Drew."

David stepped inside. "Please tell

her I'd like to see her."

The maid ushered him into the parlor, and went out. The room was showily furnished with gilt, upholstery, vivid hangings, painted bric-à-brac—all with a stiff shop-newness that suggested recently acquired funds. David had no more than seated himself upon a surface of blue chrysanthemums and taken in this impression, when the portières parted, and between them appeared a tall, slender woman in a trained housegown of flowered silk, with pearls in her ears and a handful of rings on her fingers. She looked thirty-five, and had a hard, finely wrinkled beauty.

David rose. "Is this Miss Drew?"

"You are from Phil Morton?" she asked in a voice that had a strain of coarseness.

He shivered at the familiarity with Morton. "I am."

She crossed to a chair, and, as she

seated herself, spread her train fan-wise to its full display. "Why didn't he come himself?" she demanded, her quick, brilliant eyes directly upon David.

It was as her note had indicated—she didn't read the papers. Obeying an unformed policy, David refrained from acquainting her with the truth. "He's not at home. I've come because his affairs are left with me."

Her eyes gleamed. "So he's run away from home!" she said with a sneer in which there was disappointment. "That won't save him." She paused an instant. "Well, what're you here for?"

"I told you I represent him."

"You're his lawyer?"

"I'm his friend."

"Well, I'm listening. Go on."

The fear had taken on an almost definite shape. David shrank from what he was beginning to see; but it was his duty to settle the affair, and settle it he could not without knowing its details. "To begin with, I shall have to ask some information from you," he said with an effort. "Mr. Morton left this matter entirely in my hands, but he told me nothing concerning its nature."

She closed her eyes to gleaming slits, and regarded David intently. "You brought the money?" she asked abruptly.

"No.

"Then he's "—she made a grim cipher with her forefinger, and stood up. "If there's no money, good afternoon!"

David did not rise. He guessed her dismissal to be a bit of play-acting. "Whatever comes to you must come through me," he said, "and you of course realize that nothing can come from me till I understand the situation."

"He understands it. That's enough."
"Oh, very well, then. I see you want nothing." David determined to try play-acting himself. He stood up. "Let it be good afternoon."

She stopped him at the portières, as he had expected. "It's mighty queer, when Morton's been trying hard to keep this thing between him and me, for him to send a third person here."

"It may be queer—but it's true," he returned with a show of indifference.

"But how do I know you really represent him?"

"You must take my word for it. Or

you can telephone St. Christopher's and ask if David Aldrich is not in charge of his affairs."

She eyed him steadily for a space. "You look on the square," she said abruptly; then she added with an ominous look: "if there's no money, you know what'll happen!"

David shrugged his shoulders. "I

told you I know nothing."

She was silent for several moments, while obstinacy and caution struggled against greed and pride in her conquests. Her quick, bold eyes looked him over, noting that he was tall and straight, square of shoulder, good-looking. These physical points were an element in the contest; his masculinity piquèd her.

Greed and pride won. "Well, if you want to know, come back," she said.

David resumed his seat. She stood thinking a moment, then went to a writing-desk. For all his suspense, David was aware that she was trying to display her graces and her gown. She rustled to his chair with the unhinged halves of a gold locket in her hand. "Suppose we begin here," she said, handing him one half of the locket. "Perhaps you'll recognize it—though that was taken in eighty-five."

David did recognize it. It was Lillian Drew at twenty. The selfishness and the hardness of the Lillian Drew at thirty-five were there, but covered to a fair softness by the flesh of youth. It was a bold, striking, luring face—a face of strong appeal to man's baser half—telling of a girl who would make ad-

vances if the man held back.

David felt that she waited for praise. "It's a handsome face."

"Many men have said so," she re-

turned proudly.

She let him gaze at the picture a full minute, keenly watching his face for the effect. Then she continued: "That is the picture of a girl in Boston. And this"—a jeweled hand gave him the locket's other half—" is a young man in Harvard."

David knew whose likeness was in the locket, yet something snapped sharply within him when he looked upon the boyish face of Morton at twenty-two. It was the snap of suspense. His fear was now certainty.

"She probably wouldn't have suited you"—the tone declared she would— "but Phil Morton certainly had it bad for four or five months!"

David forced himself to his duty—to search this relationship to its limits. "And then—he broke it off?" he asked, with a sudden desire to make her smart.

The question stung her pride. "No man ever threw me down—not in those days," she returned harshly, her dry cheeks flushing. "I got tired of him; a woman soon gets tired of a mere boy like that. And he was repenting about a third of the time, and preaching to me about reforming myself. To live with a man like that—it's not living. I dropped him."

"But all this was fifteen years ago," David said, calm by an effort. "What

has that to do with your note?"

She sank into a chair before him, and ran the tip of her tongue between her thin lips. She leaned back luxuriously, clasped her hands behind her head, and regarded him amusedly through halfclosed eyes. "A woman comes to New York about four months ago. She iswell, she could use money. After a month she learns a man is in town she had once—temporarily married. hasn't heard anything about him for fifteen years. He is a minister, and has a She has some letters he reputation. wrote while they were-such good friends. She guesses he would just as soon the letters should not be made public. I have a talk with him; I find I guessed right. Now you understand?'

David leaned forward, his face pale. "You mean he had been paying you—to keep still?"

She laughed softly. She was enjoying this display of her power. "He has paid me the trifling sum of five thousand in the last three months." David stared at her. "And he's going to pay me a lot more, or—the letters!"

His head sank before her bright, triumphant eyes, and he was silent. He was a confusion of thoughts and emotions, amid which only one was distinct—to protect Morton if he could. He tried to push all else from his mind and think of this alone.

A minute or more passed. Then he

looked up. His face was still pale, but "letters," he went on grimly, "you give set and hard. "You are mistaken in at least one point," he said.

" And that?"

"About the money you are going to get. There'll be no more."

"Why not?" she asked with amused

superiority.

"Because the letters are valueless." He watched her sharply to see the effect of his next words. "Philip Morton was buried two days ago."

Her hands fell from her head and she stood up, suddenly white. "It's a lie!"

"He was buried two days ago," David

repeated.

Her color came back, and she sneered. "It's a lie. You're trying to trick me!"

David rose, drew out a handful of clippings he had cut from the newspapers, and silently held them toward her. She glanced at a head-line, and her face went pale again. She snatched the clippings, read one half through, then flung them all from her, and abruptly turned about—as David guessed, to hide from him the show of her loss.

In a few moments she wheeled round, wearing a defiant smile. "Then I shall make the letters public. I'll let those people "-she threw a hand toward the clippings on the floor-"see what kind

of a man their saint was!"

David stepped squarely before her; his tall form towered above her, his dark eyes gleamed into hers. "You shall do nothing of the kind," he said harshly. "You are going to give the letters to me."

She did not give back a step. "Oh, I am, am I!" she sneered. At this range he caught wine upon her breath.

"You certainly are! You're guilty of the crime of blackmail. You've confessed it to me, and I have your letter demanding money-there's proof enough. The punishment is a good many years in prison. Give me those letters, or I'll have a policeman here in five minutes."

She was shaken, but she forced another sneer. "To take me to court is the quickest way to make the letters public," she returned. "You're bluffing."

He was-but he knew his bluff was a strong one. "If you refuse me the

me a choice between two methods of their becoming public. Either you, unharmed, may give them out, or they may come out in the course of a trial that will send you to prison. I choose the latter. Morton is dead; the letters can't hurt him now. And I'd like to see you suffer. The letters, or prison-take your choice!"

She slowly drew back from him, and her look of defiance gave place to fear. She stared without speaking at his square face, fierce with determinationat his roused, dominating masculinity.

"Which is it to be?"

She did not move.

"You choose prison, then. Very well, I'll be back in five minutes." He turned abruptly and started to leave the

"Wait!" He looked back and saw a thoroughly frightened face. "I'll get them."

She passed out through the beflowered portières, and in a few minutes returned with a packet of yellow letters, which she laid in David's hand.

"These are all?" he demanded.

" Yes."

There was an unnatural note in her voice that might have prompted a more experienced investigator to pursue his question further; but David was satisfied, and did not mark a cunning look as he passed on.

'Here's another matter," he said threateningly. "If ever a breath of this comes out, I'll know it comes from you, and up you'll go for blackmail.

derstand?"

Now that danger was over, her boldness began to flow back into her. "I do," she said lightly.

He left her standing amid her crumpled, forgotten train, and started out. As he was passing into the hall, she called to him:

"Hold on!" He turned about. She looked at him with fear, effrontery, and admiration of his masculinity. "You're all right!" she cried. "You're a real man!"

As David came into the street, his masterful bearing fell from him like a loosened garment. There was no disbelieving the prideful revelation of Lillian Drew-and as he walked on he found himself breathing, "Thank God

for Philip's death!"

Had Philip lived, with that woman dangling him at the precipitous edge of exposure, life would have been only misery and fear-and sooner or later she would have given him a push and over he would have gone. Death comes to some men too late for their best fame, and to some it comes too early. Philip Morton it had come in the nick of

One thought, which at first had been only a vague wonder, grew greater and greater till it fairly pressed all else from David's mind-where had Philip got the five thousand dollars for which Lillian Drew had sold him three months' silence? He knew that Morton had not a cent of private fortune, only his income as head of the mission; and that of this income not a dollar had been laid by, so open had been his purse to the hand of distress. Morton could not have borrowed the money in the usual manner, for he had no sufficient security to give; and sums so great as this one are not blindly loaned with mere friendship as the pawn.

David entered Philip's study with this new dread pulsing through him. It was his duty to his friend to know the truth; and, besides, his suspense was too acute to let him remain in passive ignorance. He locked the study door and began seeking evidence to dispel or confirm his fear. He took the books from the safehe remembered the combination from the summer he had spent at the missionand turned them through, afraid to look at each new page. But the books dealt only with small sums for incidental expenses; the large bills were paid by the treasurer of the board of trustees. There was nothing here. He looked through the papers in the desk-among them no reference to money. He scrutinized every page of paper in the safe, except the contents of one locked compartment. No reference. He examined Morton's private bank-book-a record of the monthly check deposited and numerous small withdrawals-that was all.

And then he picked up a note-book

desk. He began to thumb it through. not with the hope of discovering a clue, but merely as a routine act of a thorough search. It was half engagement-book, David turned to the page half diary. dated with the day of Morton's death, intending to work from there backward -and upon the page he found this note of an engagement:

5 P.M.—At Mr. Haddon's office—first fall meeting of Boys' Farm Committee.

He turned slowly back through the leaves of September, August, July, June, finding not a single suggestive record. But this memorandum, on the 15th of May, stopped him short:

Boys' Farm Committee adjourned to-day till fall, as two members go to Europe. Money left in Third National Bank in my name, to pay for farm when formalities of sale are completed.

Instantly David thought of an entry on the 1st of June recording that, with everything settled save merely the binding formalities, the farmer had suddenly broken off the deal, having had a better

Here was the money, every instinct told David. But the case was not yet proved; the money might be lying in the bank, untouched. He grasped at this chance. There must be a bank-book and a check-book somewhere, he knew; and as he had searched the office like a pocket, except for the drawer of the safe, he guessed they must be there. After a long hunt for the key, he found a bunch of keys in the trousers Morton had worn the day before his death. One of these opened the drawer; and sure enough, here were check-book and bank-

David gazed at these for a full minute before he gained enough mastery of himself to open the bank-book. On the first page was this single line:

May 15. By deposit 5,000

This was the only entry, and the fact gave him a moment's hope. He opened the check-book—and his hope was gone. Seven stubs recorded that seven checks had been drawn to "self," four for five hundred dollars each, and three for one thousand.

Even amid the chill of horror that that all the while had been lying on the now enwrapped him, David clearly understood how Morton had permitted himself to use this fund. Here was a woman with power to destroy, demanding money. Here was money for which account need not be rendered for months. In Morton's situation, a man of strong will, of courageous integrity, might have resigned and told the woman to do her worst. But David suddenly saw again Morton's dead face upon the pillow, and he was startled to see that the mouth was small, the chin weak. He now recognized, what he would have recognized before had the fault not been hidden among a thousand virtues, that Morton did not have a strong will. He recognized that a man might have genius, and all the virtues save only courage, and yet fail to carry himself honorably through a crisis which a man of merest mediocrity might weather well.

If exposure came—so temptation must have spoken to Morton—all that he had done for his neighbors would be destroyed, and with it his power for future service. He could take five hundred dollars, buy the woman's silence, and somehow replace the money before it would be necessary to account for his trust. But she had demanded more, and more, and more; and once involved, his only safety, and that but temporary, was to go on—with the terror of the day of reckoning before him.

And then, while he sat chilled, David's mind began to add mechanically three things together. First, the engagement Philip had on the day of his death with the Boys' Farm Committee; at that he would have had to account for the five thousand dollars, and his embezzlement would have been laid open. Second, the certainty of exposure from Lillian Drew, since he had no more money to ward it off. Third, was it not remarkable that Morton's heart trouble, with fifteen hundred minutes in the day in which to strike, had selected the single minute he spent in his bath?

As David struck the sum of these, there crawled into his heart another awful fear. Would a man who had not had the courage to face the danger of one exposure, have the courage to face a double exposure? Had Morton's death been natural, or—

Sickened, David let his head fall for-

ward upon his arms, folded on the desk—and so he sat, motionless, as twilight, then darkness, crept into the room.

III

DAVID was still sitting bowed amid the darkness when Mrs. Humphrey knocked and called to him that dinner waited. He had no least desire for food, and as he feared his face might advertise his discoveries to Dr. Thorn and Mrs. Humphrey, he slipped out of the apartment and sent word by the janitor that he would not be in to dinner. For an hour and a half he walked the narrow, tenement-cliffed streets, trying to force his distracted mind to deduce the probable consequences of Morton's acts.

At length one result stood forth distinct, inevitable-Morton's death was not going to save his good name. In a few days his embezzlement would be discovered. There would be an investigation as to what he had done with the money. Try as the committee might to keep the matter secret, the embezzlement would leak out and afford sensational copy for the papers. Lillian Drew, out of pure malevolence, would manage to triple the scandal with her story; and then some one would climax the two exposures by putting one and one together, as he had done, and deducing that Morton's lamented death was suicide. In a week, perhaps in three days, all New York would know what David knew.

He was reentering the club-house, shortly after eight o'clock, when the sound of singing in the chapel reminded him that the regular Thursday evening prayer-meeting had been turned into a neighborhood memorial service for Morton. He slipped quietly into the rear of the chapel. It was crowded as at the funeral. Dr. Thorn, who was temporarily at the head of the mission, was on the rostrum, but a man from the neighborhood was in charge of the meeting. The order of the service consisted of brief tributes to Morton, brief statements of what he had meant to their lives. As David listened to the testimonies, uncouth in the wording, but splendid in feeling, the speaker sometimes stopped by his own emotion, sometimes by sobbing from the audience-his tears loosened and flowed with theirs.

And then came a change in his viewpoint. He found himself thinking, not of Morton the individual, Morton his friend, but of Morton in his relation to these people. What great good he had brought them! How dependent they had been on him, how they still clung to him and were lifted up by his memory! And how they loved him!

But what would they be saying about

him a week hence?

The question plunged into David-like a knife. He hurried from the chapel and up-stairs into the dead man's study. Here was the most ghastly of all the consequences of Morton's deeds. What would be the effect of such a revelation on these people? They were not discriminating, could not select the good, discard and forget the evil. He still loved Morton. Impregnable at all other points, temptation had assailed his one weakness, conquered him, and turned his life into complete disaster. But David realized that the neighborhood could not see Morton as he saw him. They could see only the evil result of his one weakness, see him only as guilty of larger sins than the most sinful of themselves —as a libertine, an embezzler, a suicide.

There was no doubt in David's mind of the effect of all this upon them. The words of an old woman who had given tribute in the chapel stayed in his mem-"He has been to me like St. orv. Christopher, what this place is called from," she had quavered. "He holds me in his arms and carries me over the Exactly the case with dark waters." most of them, David thought. Morton, who had lifted them out of darkness, was supporting them over the ferry of lifetill a few days ago by his presence among them; now and in the future by the powerful influence in which he had enarmed them. Once they saw their St. Christopher as baser than themselves, they would call him hypocrite, despise his support, and turn from the shore whither he carried them; his strength to save them would be gone, and they would fall back into the darkness out of which they had been gathered.

David's concern was all for these unsuspecting hundreds mourning and praising Morton in the chapel. Presently, through the chaos in his mind, one clear thought arose—if the people were kept in ignorance, if Morton were kept pure in their eyes, would not their love for him, the saving influence he had set about them, remain just as potent as though he were in truth unspotted? He answered yes. And then this question asked itself—could they be kept in ignorance? Yes, if the embezzlement could be concealed—for Morton's relations with Lillian Drew, and his suicide, would come before the public only by being dragged, as it were, by this engine of disgrace.

David's whole mind, his whole being, was suddenly gripped by the thought that by concealing the embezzlement he could save these people from falling back into the abyss. But how conceal it? The answer was ready at his mind's ear—by replacing the money. But he was practically penniless, he had hardly a friend in New York; where could he get five thousand dollars? Again the answer was ready—take some rich man interested in the mission into the secret. There must be some one who would furnish the money rather than have St. Christopher's dishonored.

David rapidly filled in the details of his plan. At half past nine he left the study and descended the stairs, with the decision to complete the details of his scheme that night, leaving only the getting of the money for the morrow. As he passed into the never-quiet street he saw the crowd filing from the chapel. He stepped back into the shadow of the club-house entrance and watched them, till the last was out, with a tingling sense of saviorship.

Half an hour later he was standing before the apartment-house he had visited that afternoon. A dull glow through Miss Drew's shades informed him that she was at home; and, glancing through the open basement window into the janitor's apartment, he saw his guide of the afternoon lying on a shabby lounge. He was not proud of the part he was about to play; but for Lillian Drew to remain in town—there was danger in this that must be avoided.

That afternoon he had noticed that there was a telephone in the house. He now walked a block or two till he found a public telephone. He closed himself in the booth, and a couple of minutes later had Lillian Drew on the wire. "This is a friend with a tip," he said. "I just happened to overhear a man ask a policeman to come with him to arrest you."

"What was the man like?" came tremulously from the receiver.

David began a faithful description of himself, but before he was half-way through it he heard the receiver at the other end of the wire click into place upon its hook. He walked back to where he had a view of the entrance of the apartment-house, and almost at once he saw Lillian Drew come hurriedly out. He then walked over to Broadway, where he found a policeman, asked that a woman be arrested upon his complaint, and led the officer to the apartment-house.

He rang the janitor's bell, and after a minute it was answered by his "safe" friend. He put on his most ominous look. "Is Lillian Drew in?" he demanded.

"No; she just went out," the janitor answered with a glance of fear at the policeman.

The officer stepped forward and gave him a shove. "You take us up, you old booze, and we'll find out for ourselves."

They searched the flat, followed about by the frightened black maid, but found no Lillian Drew. As they were leaving the house David again directed his ominous look upon the janitor. "Don't you tell her we were here," he ordered; and then he whispered to the policeman, but for the janitor's ears, "I'll get her in the morning."

He walked away with the officer, but quickly returned to where he could watch the entrance of the house. He saw the janitor come furtively out and hurry away, and in a little while he saw Lillian Drew enter—and he knew that the janitor, who had summoned her, had told her of her narrow escape and of the danger in which she stood.

He wandered about, passing the house from time to time. Toward twelve o'clock, when he again drew up near the door, the great van of a storage warehouse stood before it, and men were carrying out furniture. Beside the van stood an express wagon in which was a trunk, and coming out of the doorway was a man bearing on his back another trunk, from the end of which dangled a baggage-check. As the man staggered across the sidewalk, David stepped behind him, and read the tag by the light that streamed from the entrance. The trunk was checked to Chicago.

Lillian Drew would make no more trouble for the present. One part of his plan was completed. Half an hour later he was back in Morton's study, beginning another part of his preparation. It had occurred to him that the Boys' Farm Committee, when it discovered the replaced money, might have its misgivings roused by Morton's drawing this sum, and in fractions, for no other conceivable purpose than merely to have it by him. So David, to prevent this suspicion, to make it appear that the drawing of the fund was no more unbusinesslike than many people might expect from a clergyman, had determined to surround the presence of the money in the safe with the formality of an account. At the head of a slip of paper he wrote, "Cash Account of Boys' Summer Home," and beneath it, copying from the stubs of the check-book: "June 7, Drawn from bank, five hundred dollars"; and beneath this, under their respective dates, the six other amounts. Then, at the foot, he wrote under date of September 15, the day before Morton's death, "Cash on hand, five thousand dollars."

These items he set down in a fair copy Morton's hand-not a difficult mimicry, since their writing was naturally much alike, and had a further similarity from their both using stub pens. He wrote with an ink which he had secured for the purpose on his way home, and which dried as dead a black as if it had been put on the paper weeks before. He put the slip, with the bankbook and check-book, into the drawer of the safe. To-morrow the five thousand dollars would go in there with them, and Morton's name, and the people of St. Christopher's, would be secure.

He had not yet disposed of the letters Lillian Drew had given him. He carried the packet into the sitting-room, tore the letters into shreds, and heaped them in the grate between the brass andirons. Then he touched a match to the yellow pile, and watched the destroying flames spring from the record of Morton's unholy love—as if they were the red spirit of that passion leaping free. He sat for a long space, the dead hush of sleep about him, gazing at the place where the heap had been. Only ashes were left by those passionate flames—a symbol of Morton, thus it struck David's fancy. Just so those flames had left of Morton

only ashes.

The next morning David had before him the task of getting the money. He had determined to approach Mr. Chambers first, and he was in the great banking-house of Alexander Chambers & Company, in Wall Street, as early as he thought he could decently appear there. He was informed that Mr. Chambers had gone to a directors' meeting—not very surprising, since Mr. Chambers was a director in half a hundred companies—and was not expected back till after lunch.

He went next to the office of Mr. Haddon, treasurer of the mission and of the Boys' Farm Committee, and one of the largest givers—a watchful, precise man of money, naturally suspicious and of little sympathy. Mr. Haddon, he was told, had left an hour before for

St. Christopher's.

David hurried back to the mission, wondering what Mr. Haddon's errand there could be, hoping to catch him before he left. As he was starting up the stairway the janitor stopped him.

"Mr. Haddon was asking for you; and Miss Chambers, too," the janitor said. "I think she's in the reception-

room."

David turned back, walked down the hall, and entered the dim receptionroom. He paused at the door. Helen Chambers was sitting in a Flemish oak settle near a window, her hands clasped upon an idle book in her lap, her eyes gazing fixedly into the street between the barely parted hangings. The dress of mourning fitted into the shadow; her face alone, softly leaned against by the light, had distinctness. He drew a deep breath. So much dignity, sincerity, maturity of conscience, in one of twentythree, and no loss of the heart-lightness that belongs to twenty-three!

She rose with a start as his feet crossed the bare floor. "I came down this morning on an errand about the Flower Guild," she said in her low, vibrant voice, giving him her hand. "I'm going back to the country this afternoon, so I waited to see you for a minute."

They sat down on the settle. Now that he looked squarely into her face, into her deep brown eyes, he saw there

repressed anxiety.

"There's one thing in particular I want to tell you," she went on with an effort. "Something about Mr. Morton. Oh, it's nothing definitely wrong," she said quickly, noticing that David had paled. "It's just something—a little strange. Since I was here, I wanted you to learn it from me, so that, if anything did develop, it wouldn't be a complete surprise to you."

David's pulses stopped. "Yes?" he

said tensely. "Yes?"

She was white, and the hands in her lap gripped each other tightly. "The day before yesterday morning Mr. Haddon went to the Third National Bank to arrange for withdrawing the Boys' Farm fund, which he had deposited in Mr. Morton's name. He found—Mr. Morton had withdrawn it."

" Yes?"

"It's strange-but we don't think there can be anything wrong," she said, trying to lighten the blow she felt she was inflicting on David. "Of course Mr. Haddon acted immediately. called a meeting of the committee; they decided to make a quiet investigation at once. Father told me about it. But the worst part is, the newspapers have somehow learned that five thousand dollars is missing from the mission. It would be a terrible scandal for such a sum to disappear in connection with a place like this. Several reporters were here just a little while ago. I sent them up-stairs to Mr. Haddon.'

He stared at her dizzily. His plan had come to naught. Morton's shame was about to be trumpeted over the city. The people of St. Christopher's were about to topple back into the abyss.

"What is Mr. Haddon doing upstairs?"

"It occurred to him that possibly Mr. Morton had put the money in the safe in his study. Mr. Haddon's up there with a safe-opening expert."

For a moment he sat muted by the impending disaster. Then he rose. "Come,

let's go up!" he said.

They mounted the stairs in silence, and in the corridor leading to Morton's apartment passed half a dozen reporters. David unlocked the apartment with his latch-key, led the way to Morton's study, and pushed open its door. Before the safe sat a heavily spectacled man, carefully turning its dial-plate and knob. On one side of him stood Dr. Thorn, very pale, and on the other side gray-haired Mr. Haddon, his hard, lean face, milled with financial wrinkles like a dollar's edge, as expressionless as if he was in the midst of a Wall Street crisis.

Mr. Haddon recognized the presence of David and Miss Chambers with a slight nod, but Dr. Thorn stepped to

David's side.

"You've heard about it?" he asked,

in an agitated voice.

"Yes—Miss Chambers has told me."
At that moment the safe door swung open. "There you are," said the spectacled man, with a complacent little grunt.

Mr. Haddon dismissed the man and knelt before the safe, Miss Chambers and Dr. Thorn leaned over him, and David, still stunned by the suddenness of the catastrophe, looked whitely on from behind them. A minute, and Mr. Haddon's search was over. He looked about at the others.

"It's not here," he said quietly.

A noise at the door caused all to turn in that direction. There stood the reporters; they had edged into the apartment as the safe expert had gone out.

"Will you gentlemen please wait outside?" said Mr. Haddon sharply.

"Can't you give us the facts now?" one spoke up. "You've got 'em all—I just heard you say the money wasn't here."

"I'll see you all in a few minutes," said Mr. Haddon, and pressed them before him out into the corridor. "There's absolutely no keeping this from the papers," he remarked when he reentered the study.

"Isn't there still another place the money might be?" asked Miss Cham-

bers.

"I've investigated every other place," returned Mr. Haddon. "The safe was

the last possibility."

All three stared at one another. It was Dr. Thorn that spoke the thought of all. "Then the worst we feared—is true?"

Mr. Haddon nodded. "It must be."

David could not speak, nor think—could only lean against the desk. The exposure of Morton—and a thousand times worse, the ruin of St. Christopher's—both inevitable!

"Won't you please look again?" Miss Chambers cried, with desperate hope. "Perhaps you overlooked something."

Mr. Haddon knelt once more, and slowly fluttered the pages of the books and scrutinized each scrap of paper. Soon he paused, and studied a slip he had found. Then he rose, and David saw at the head of the sheet, "Cash account of Boys' Summer Home." It was the paper he had prepared to hide Morton's embezzlement.

Mr. Haddon's steady eyes took in David and Dr. Thorn. "Could anybody have been in the safe since Mr. Mor-

ton's death?"

"It's- hardly possible," returned Dr. Thorn. "Mr. Aldrich has been in the study almost constantly."

Mr. Haddon's eyes fastened on David; a quick gleam came into them. David, unnerved as he was, could not keep his face from twitching.

quietly. There was a long silence. Then Mr. caused all to Haddon asked quietly: "Could you There stood have been in the safe, Mr. Aldrich?"

David did not recognize whither the question led. "Why, yes," he said

mechanically.

Mr. Haddon held out the slip of paper. "According to this memorandum in Mr. Morton's hand, the money was in the safe the day before his death." His eyes screwed into David. "Perhaps you can suggest to us what became of the money."

David stared at him blankly.

"The money—was there—when he died!" said Dr. Thorn amazedly. He looked from one man to the other. Then understanding came into his face. "You mean—Mr. Aldrich—took it?"

"I took it?" David repeated stupidly. He turned slowly to Miss Chambers.

Her white face, with its wide eyes and parted lips, and the look of fear she held upon him, cleared his head, made him see where he was. "I did not take the money!" he cried.

"Who else could have?" returned Mr.

Haddon grimly.

"If I'd taken it, wouldn't I have disappeared? Would I have been such a fool as to stay here to be caught?"

"If you'd run away that would have fastened the guilt on you at once. You remained here, hoping to throw suspicion on Mr. Morton. It was the cleverest course."

"I did not take the money!" he cried

desperately. "It's a lie!"

Miss Chambers moved to his side. "I believe you," she said. He thanked her with a look. "It must have been Mr. Morton," she said.

The words first thrilled him; then suddenly they rang out as a knell. If he threw off the guilt, it must fall on Morton; if Morton were publicly guilty, then the people of the mission-

"Mr. Aldrich must have taken it," broke in the grim, cold voice of Mr.

David looked at Mr. Haddon, looked at Miss Chambers. And then the great Thought was conceived, struggled dizzily, painfully, into birth.

shivering, awed, before it.

He slowly turned and walked to a window, where he gazed down into the street, filled with children hurrying home from school. The Thought spoke to him in vivid flashes. He had no relatives, almost no friends. He loved Helen Chambers; but he was nobody and a beggar. He had not done anythingperhaps could never do anything-and even if he did, his work would probably be of little worth. He had wanted his life to be of service; had wanted to sell it, as it were, for the largest good he could perform. Well, here were the people of St. Christopher's toppling over the edge of destruction. Here was his Great Bargain—the chance to sell his life for the highest price.

As to what he had done with the five thousand, which of course he would be asked-well, an evening of gambling would be a sufficient explanation. He

turned about.

"Well?" said Mr. Haddon.

David avoided Miss Chambers' look. He felt himself borne upward to the apex of life.

"Yes, I took it," he said.

(To be continued)

THE SAGE-BRUSH

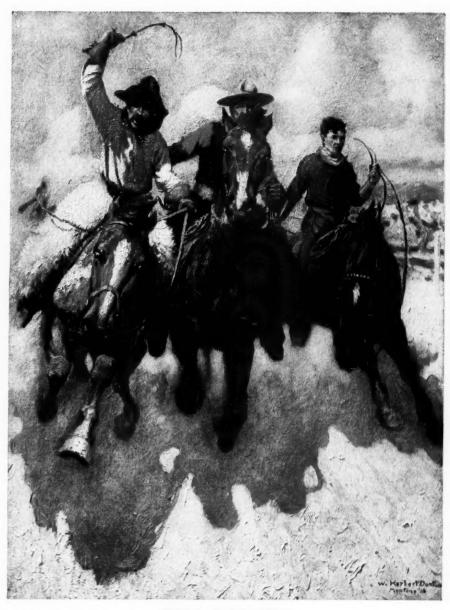
GENTLY astir with breeze from snow-peaks you Where rosy day is born; Dew-drenched and sweet, its glad herds wending on-Such is the sage at morn.

Drowsy and still beneath the flawless sky, While the hot mesas swoon; A black-winged buzzard circling o'er it high-Such is the sage at noon.

Bathed in a golden halo from the sun, Waiting the dew's reprieve; While home fare bird and flock, their long day done-Such is the sage at eve.

Swimming with glamourous and misty beams, Shadowed, and vaguely white; Thronged with a host of lurking shapes and dreams— Such is the sage at night.

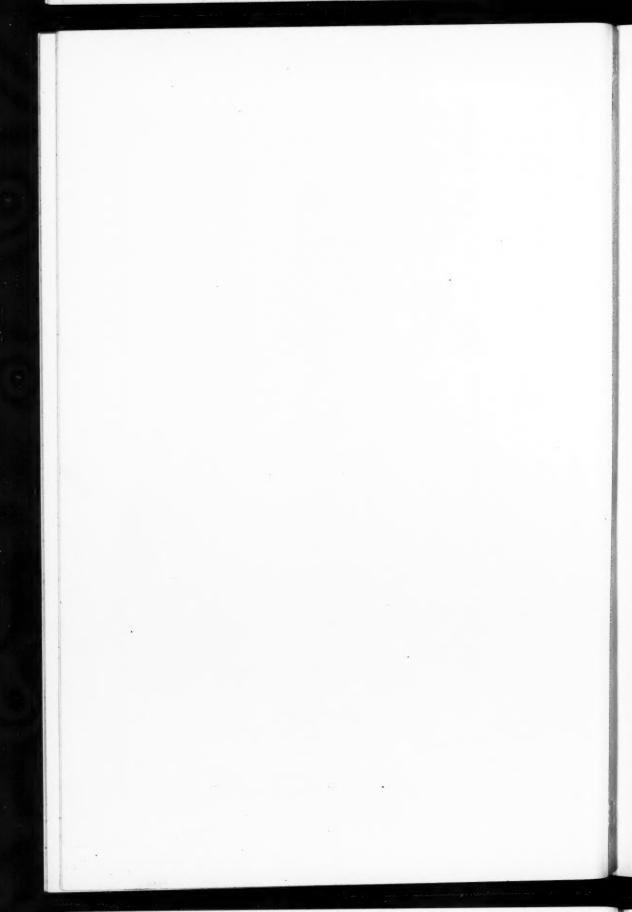
Beauteous always-oh, so calm and wide, Wrapped in its silver gray, Wafting its pungent summons, turquoise-skied, Breathing the open way!



THE RIDERS

ONE-EYED Pete an' Mike an' me Knows our gait, and so decides Which one first to Douglas rides Pays the freight fer the hull three.

DOWN the Trail to Cross-bar G,
Past Three X, where Bill Smith bides,
Kitin', like to save our hides—
One-eyed Pete an' Mike an' me—
Thet's how we rides!

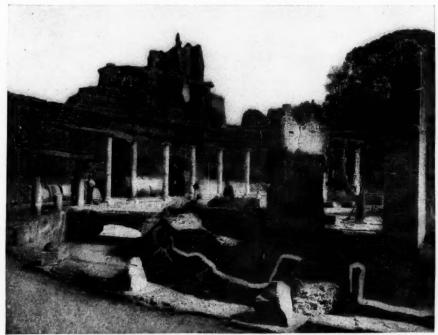




WHAT MODERN SCHOLARS AND EXCAVATORS HAVE DONE TO UNEARTH THE ROME OF CLASSICAL DAYS, AND TO RECOVER THE COUNTLESS TREASURES OF ART BURIED FOR MANY CENTURIES IN THE RUINS OF THE ETERNAL CITY

I HAVE sometimes wondered whether people living in countries beyond the Alps, and beyond the seas, realize what it means to live on archeological soil, where the wonderful and the unexpected may happen at any moment.

The buying and selling of landed property, for instance, which everywhere else is a pure matter of business, with limits and consequences that are perfectly well known to the parties concerned, may have with us a far different issue. One



RUINS OF THE EMPEROR HADRIAN'S VILLA AT TIVOLI, NEAR ROME—IN THIS HUGE BUILDING, NOW THE PROPERTY OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, MANY ANCIENT WORKS OF ART HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED



A RECENT VIEW OF THE WEST END OF THE ROMAN FORUM, SHOWING THE COLUMN OF PHOCAS (LEFT), THE EIGHT REMAINING COLUMNS OF THE TEMPLE OF SATURN (CENTER), AND THE THREE COLUMNS OF THE TEMPLE OF VESPASIAN (RIGHT). IN THE FOREGROUND ARE THE CARVED BALUSTRADES

CALLED THE ANAGLYPHS OF TRAIAN

of the earliest recollections in my career refers to a case in point.

A peasant from Velletri, named Pietro Giuliani, having purchased at a small price a piece of land in the district called the Arriano—from the patrician house of the Arrii, which owned it in the early days of the empire—discovered, after a few weeks of toil, three statues lying at the foot of their respective pedestals. The first figure, that of a chariot-driver, was damaged in the arms and legs; but the others, representing two young athletes about to engage in a wrestlingmatch, were in perfect condition.

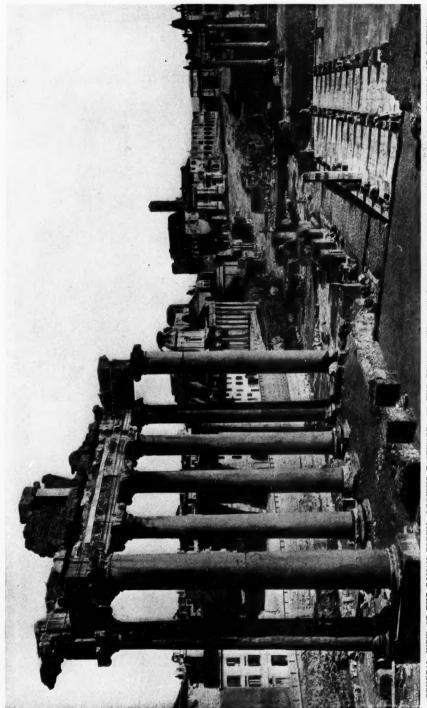
As soon as the news of the find reached the Archeological Commission, for which I was acting as secretary, I was sent to Velletri, and succeeded in purchasing the three statues. The price I paid was a moderate one, but two or three times more than the sum given by Pietro Giuliani for the whole vineyard. In this transaction the mistake had been made by the vendor, who knew very well

that this part of his land had been called from immemorial time Le Cento Cappelle—"the hundred niches for statuary"; and he ought to have inserted in the deed of sale a clause reserving his rights of ownership, in case of valuable discoveries.

The Italian law is explicit on this point. In default of covenants to the contrary, all that lies buried underground belongs to the owner of the land. Whatever he may chance to find, from a clay lamp worth a few centimes to a bronze group that might bring a million francs, the city, the county, and the crown have no right to interfere, the only privilege claimed by the state being the right of refusal in case of a sale beyond the boundaries of the kingdom. Yet I have seen curious complications arise from such a simple state of things.

TREASURE-TROVE OF THE SHORE

The Princess Sarsina-Aldobrandini is the happy possessor of the ruins of



GENERAL VIEW OF THE ROMAN FORUM, LOOKING EASTWARD—IN THE FOREGROUND, ON THE LEFT, IS THE COLONNADE OF THE TEMPLE OF SATURN; IMMEDIATELY TO THE RIGHT OF THIS, BEYOND THE VIA SACRA, APPEAR THE COLUMNS OF THE TEMPLE OF FAUSTINA, THEN THE ROUND CHURCH OF SS. COSMA AND DAMIANO, THE COLOSSEUM (IN THE BACKGROUND), AND THE ARCH OF TITUS. NEARER, ON THE RIGHT, ARE THE THREE COLUMNS OF THE TEMPLE OF CASTOR, AND STILL NEARER, THE REMAINS OF THE BASILICA JULIA

Nero's seaside palace, which crown the cape of Antium—now Porto d'Anzio, a fishing village thirty-six miles south of Rome—and which make it one of the most picturesque headlands along the Tyrrhenian coast. These ruins, which rise from the sea, are so rich in curiosi-

of the second century B.C., must have been removed from the original sanctuary by Nero himself, together with other masterpieces which have made the ruins of Antium the dreamland of archeologists.

The beautiful priestess who, like Aphrodite, had thus emerged from the



THE ARCH OF SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS, ERECTED BY THE ROMAN EMPEROR OF THAT NAME IN 203. DURING THE MIDDLE AGES THE ARCH WAS DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN RUBBISH; IT WAS UNEARTHED BY POPE PIUS VII IN 1803

ties, such as coins, lamps, pottery, and bits of marble, of mosaic, and of stuccowork, that the local fishermen never miss searching the foot of the cliffs after a storm or a heavy rain. I myself, years ago, discovered there seventeen bronze coins and a ten-inch piece of gold chain, which had fallen into the sea. Now it happened that one stormy night in December, 1876, a whole slope of débris was washed away by the waves, and next morning the fishermen were astonished to see the front wall of the palace exposed to view in all its height and length and magnificence, with terraces and porticoes and niches for statues. At the foot of the central niche, in the shallow water, there lay a statue representing a maiden-perhaps a young priestess-in the act of making an offering to a goddess. The statue, a purely Greek work

foam of the sea, found two claimantsthe Italian government, as the owner of the coast-line, and the Princess Aldobrandini, as the owner of the niche in which the statue had been standing until the night of the storm. The case was decided in favor of the princess, in whose villa at Antium the Greek maiden resided undisturbed until, not long ago, the typical American collector appeared on the scene with hands full of gold. To spare the priestess the unwelcome change from the land of sunshine and zephyrs to the storm-beaten coast beyond the Atlantic, a bill has recently been laid before the Italian parliament, authorizing the state to purchase the statue.

THE PARADOXES OF EXPLORATION

In my long experience as a seeker for hidden classic treasures, I have found

that, as a rule, the more promising an excavation appears to be, the greater are the difficulties to be encountered. Places easy of access must have been searched over and over again without our knowledge, while those lying at a greater depth, and protected by heavier strata of rubbish, sand, gravel, and volcanic or alluvial deposits, have escaped investigation. For instance, the new Palazzo di Giustizia, or law court. which is being erected in the quarter of the Prati, on the east side of the Castel Sant' Angelo, covers an area of six acres, part of which belonged in classic times to the Gar-

fair and promising a field for explora- ject of value was found.



BUST OF THE EMPEROR COM-MODUS, FOUND IN THE GARDENS OF ÆLIUS **LAMIA. IN 1874**

tion as the most exacting excavator could wish. There was a difference of only seven or eight feet between the ancient level and the modern; the ground was soft, and there were no records of a previous search; and yet the only object discovered in this great excavation was the stone coffin of Crepereia Tryphæna, interesting, but of no value.

The same experience must be recorded in connection with the treasury buildings (Ministero delle Finanze), which cover part of the most aristocratic quarter of the ancient city, north of the Baths of Diocletian. Six

dens of Domitia, the aunt of the Em- million cubic feet of rubbish were dug peror Nero; part to the ancestral field of and carted away to make room for the Cincinnatus the Dictator, which was foundations of this great structure, and called the Prata Quintia. There was as yet not one single statue, or bust, or ob-



A RECENT VIEW OF THE INTERIOR OF THE COLOSSEUM, SHOWING THE EXCAVATION OF THE SUBSTRUCTURES

On the other hand, let the place for the intended excavations be beset with difficulties of every nature, let it even be unsafe for the workmen, and we may feel pretty sure of finding something valuable. We had striking evidence of this fact about three years ago, when a tunnel was bored under the Quirinal Hill, to connect the street system of old Rome with that of the newer and higher quarters. Midway between the two openings, in the very heart of the hill, where the pressure of loose strata of water-soaked earth made the poor workmen carry their lives in their hands, there appeared on the side of the boring what proved to be the corner room of the palace of Fulvius Plautianus. An African by birth, Fulvius Plautianus was prime minister under his fellow townsman, the Emperor Septimius Severus, to whose eldest son, Caracalla, he married his own daughter Plautilla. The archeological contents of that single room were so many and so beautiful—statues, busts, medallions, friezes, basreliefs, columns, capitals, and so forth—that we have set apart for their exhibition one of the halls of the new Municipal Museum on the Caelian.

By probing the side of the tunnel, through the forest of timber which sup-

ported it, we found that other rooms of the palace, equally rich in works of art, extended in an easterly direction no less than sixty-six feet below the level of the gardens of the Quirinal. I need not remark that ruins lying sixty-six feet below the level of a royal garden, and embedded in muddy rubbish-which is the worst kind of material to deal with-are practically beyond the reach of archeologists.

A CACHE OF GREEK MASTERPIECES

Another instance of the perversity of fate in these matters occurred in 1885. In February of that year a laborer engaged in digging a trench for the foundations of the Teatro Drammatico Nazionale, near the Villa Colonna, on the Quirinal, came upon a bronze statue of an athlete in the full development of manhood and strength, whose features had undoubtedly been modeled from life. In fact, this was the portrait statue of some famous champion, which a Roman emperor or con-



THE EXCAVATIONS FOR THE FOUNDATION OF THE TEATLO DRAMMATICO NAZIONALE, ON THE VIA NAZIONALE, ROME, SHOWING A VALUABLE GREEK STATUE IN THE POSITION IN WHICH IT WAS FOUND, BIGHTEEN FEET BELOW THE SURFACE



GENERAL VIEW OF THE ROMAN FORUM, LOOKING WESTWARD-FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, THE CHIEF OBJECTS OF INTEREST ARE THE THREE COLUMNS OF THE TEMPLE OF CASTOR, THE ROUND ARCHES OF THE BASILICA JULIA, AND THE COLONNADE OF THE TEMPLE OF SATURN; THEN, ACROSS THE VIA SACRA, WHICH RUNS DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE PICTURE, TWO BROKEN COLUMNS REERECTED IN 1899, THE PILLARS OF THE TEMPLE OF VESPASIAN, THE COLUMN OF PHOCAS, AND THE ARCH OF SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS

queror had removed from the Stadium at Olympia and set up in one of the baths of the Imperial City. The statue was lying on its back, between two foundation-walls of the Temple of the Sun.

The news of the find was kept secret until the following day, so that when I reached the spot the bronze figure had already been moved away, making it impossible to reconstruct the story of its concealment. A few days later, however, a second statue, representing a sitting boxer, was discovered in my presence, under the very same conditions and at the same depth-



STATUE OF A GREEK MAIDEN, FOUND ON THE SEASHORE AT ANTIUM, IN 1876

been taken to conceal it without injury. The figure being in a sitting posture, a marble capital had been placed under it, like a stool, to make it keep its balance. I also noticed that the well, at the bottom of which it was lying, had been filled with sifted earth, quite different in quality from the surrounding rubbish. Here we had,

contrary, care had

Here we had, therefore, the evidence of a certain number of Greek masterpieces, buried within a limited space under the fear of a great and imminent danger, probably of the barbaric inroad of the year

eighteen feet below the surface. I saw that the statue had not fallen, nor had it been thrown there by accident; on the of the standing athlete, may perhaps



THE RIVER TIBER AND THE CASTEL SANT' ANGELO, OR TOMB OF HADRIAN. IT IS PROBABLE THAT MANY TREASURES LIE BURIED IN THE RIVER-BED ABOUT THIS POINT

indicate the number of the bronzes which the keepers of the adjoining Baths of Constantine were endeavoring to place beyond the reach of the invaders. At all events, there was a strong probability, if not a virtual certainty, that other valuable statues were lying concealed in the neighborhood; but how could we make the owners of the adjoining villas and houses share our belief, and grant us permission to cut down their trees, or to undermine their property, on a doubtful quest? other bronzes-if the keepers buried more than two-will never again, I am afraid, see the light of day.

HOW DEEP IS ANCIENT ROME BURIED?

The experience which I have related in connection with the Quirinal tunnel is all the more surprising because, as a rule, the layer of earth in which ruins are buried is very thin on the summit of hills, though in the valleys and in the plains of the Tiber it reaches an amazing thickness. This question concerning the difference of level between the ancient and the modern city, and the depth of the accumulated soil and débris, is one of the most interesting connected with the burial of Rome. We must remember that, at the end of the third century after Christ, the Imperial City contained forty-six thousand six hundred and two tenement-houses (insulæ) and seventeen hundred and ninety palaces (domus), besides a great number of temples, theaters, baths, barracks, and so forth. The tenement-houses were veritable skyscrapers. Martial speaks of a neighbor of his, a poor man, who had to mount two hundred steps to reach his garret. Juvenal mentions the case of a fire which had already attained the third floor of a building, without having been noticed by the wretched inmates of the topmost story under the roof. Tertullian compares the number of floors of an insula to that of the countless "zones of heaven" imagined by the Gnostics. The palace of Septimius Severus, at the south corner of the Palatine, towered two hundred and thirty feet above the level of the Via Triumphalis, which skirts the base of the hill; and the pediment of the Temple of the Sun, on the site of the present Colonna Gardens, rose two hundred and forty-five feet above the level of the Forum Suarium.

Now we know from careful measurements taken in 1883-84, during the excavations of the villa of Q. Voconius Pollio, at Marino, that an ordinary Roman dwelling-house produces a layer of débris six feet thick for each thirty feet of its height; in other words, that a building about thirty feet high produces about six cubic feet of rubbish for each square foot of surface. It is easy, therefore, to imagine what must have been the results of the destruction of the fifty thousand buildings of ancient Rome.

Moreover, the increase of the Roman soil did not begin with the barbaric invasions of the fifth century after Christ. It can be traced back to the age of the kings, who filled with earth the marshy hollows of the Forum, of the Velabrum, and of the Circus Maximus. threshold of the Tiburtine Gate (now the Porta San Lorenzo), rebuilt by Honorius in 402 A.D., lies ten feet higher than that of the original gate of Augustus. There are places where no fewer than four different buildings lie one beneath the other. For instance, under the present church of San Clements, dating from 1099, there can be traced another church of the time of Constantine, a patrician house of the time of the Antonines, and an unknown structure of the time of the republic. In 1877, when the Via Nazionale, the main artery of modern Rome, was opened through the Aldobrandini Villa, on the Quirinal, we met first with the Baths of Constantine, and, lower down, with the remains of the house of the poet Claudianus, of that of the gallant general Avidius Quietus; and, lastly, with structures dating from the Augustan age. Beneath all these layers were the trunks and roots of a prehistoric forest of beeches.

Another good example of stratigraphic exploration, as it may be called, was that of the Pantheon of Agrippa, long known as the Sphinx of the Campus Martius, because our predecessors considered it an impossible task to wrench from this famous temple the secret of its origin and transformations. The secret became ours in 1892-94, when we ascertained that the present Pantheon is not, as formerly supposed, the work of Agrippa, but of the Emperor Hadrian, and dates from A.D. 120; that six feet below its floor there are remains of a middle Pantheon, built in the time of Domitian; and that three feet lower down there are traces of the original structure by Agrippa, which was rectangular instead of round, and faced south instead of north!

The maximum difference of level between the ancient and the modern city which I have yet ascertained is seventy-two feet. It was found in excavating the inner courtyard of the House of the Vestals, in the Forum. A pedestal inscribed with the name of Næratius Cerialis, which is set up in the wall of a municipal school at the corner of the Via Cavour and the Piazza dell' Esquilino, was found at the depth of fifty-three feet.

A WALK ALONG THE SACRED WAY

The progress made lately in the field of Roman excavation can be best appreciated by taking a walk along the Sacred Way, from its origin near the Colosseum to its end at the Capitol. The topography of this "queen of streets," a matter of discussion a few years ago, is now clearly established, and the student can follow at his leisure in the footsteps of Horace, trying to escape his pursuer by taking shelter in a side street, or of the Emperor Augustus, leading the pageant for the celebration of the Secular Games (Ludi Sæculares) in the year 17 B.C. The emperor was followed on that memorable day (June 3) by the consuls, by the senators, by the high priests, by the Vestal Virgins, by the commanders of the Roman legions, by one hundred and ten matrons—as many as there were years in a Roman century —and by a group of twenty-seven youths and twenty-seven maidens of patrician birth, clad in white tunics, waving branches of laurel, and led by Horace himself down the Sacred Way, singing the praises of the immortal gods, "to whom the Seven Hills were dear."

No other thoroughfare in the world has seen more history than this one; no other has withstood the action of time for a longer stretch of centuries; no other has been lined with more magnificent edifices, or spanned by so many triumphal arches. Starting from that of Constantine at the east end of the line, the stranger walking in the direction of the Capitol would pass in succession those of Titus, the vanquisher of Judea; of Quintus Fabius Maximus, the conqueror of Savoy; of Augustus, under whose rule the gates of the Temple of Janus were closed for the first time; of Tiberius, in whose reign the defeat of Quintilius Varus was magnificently avenged by Germanicus; and of Septimius Severus, who subjected Parthia and Arabia to the Roman sway.

The buildings along the Sacred Way have, for the most part, been excavated and made accessible within the last thirty years. Here stands, for instance, the House of the Vestal Virgins, the classic prototype of future Christian nunneries, rebuilt by the Empress Julia Domna after the fire of A.D. 191. Its excavation has revealed to us many particulars concerning the history and daily life of the sisterhood, which dates back to prehistoric times, when each village kept a public fire burning day and night in a central hut. The care of keeping the flames alight was entrusted to young girls, because girls, as a rule, did not follow their parents and brothers to the pasture grounds, and did not share with them the fatigue of fishing or hunting expeditions. In course of time this matter-of-fact practise became a religious institution, and the fire-hut became the temple of Vesta.

The cloisters, in whose solitude six priestesses were bound to serve the goddess for the space of thirty years, became little by little a museum of statuary and a gallery of art. In the space of fortysix days (December 15, 1883, to January 30, 1884) we found, in the peristyle surrounding the garden, fifteen marble pedestals, five historical inscriptions, eleven life-size statues, nine imperfect ones, twenty-seven busts and heads, eight hundred and thirty-four silver coins, one gold coin, two pieces of jewelry, and several columns of precious marble. Fifteen years later, on December 17, 1899, a mass of gold pieces was discovered in a drain near the west corner of the peristyle. It consisted of three hundred and ninety-seven aurei, which must have been thrown into that strange place of concealment in a leather bag or a roll of cloth.

THE PROBABILITY OF NEW FINDS

In conclusion, I must answer a question naturally suggested by what I have said. Is the soil of Rome and of the Campagna archeologically exhausted? Is there any possibility of further im-

portant discoveries?

Since the development of the new city began, in 1871, about four square miles have been turned up for leveling and draining streets and squares, for building houses and public offices, for laying water-pipes, gas-pipes, and so forth. Leaving aside objects scattered here and there—mere crumbs fallen from the ban-queting-tables of former excavators—I have found only three places of any considerable extent which had absolutely escaped investigation.

The first is the district now occupied by the Central Railway Station, where in 1871-72 two or three Roman houses were laid bare, full of exquisite bronze objects, the market value of which was calculated at about thirty thousand dollars.

The second virgin spot was found on Christmas Eve, 1874, in the gardens of Ælius Lamia, at the southwest corner of the present Piazza Vittorio Emmanuele. There were concealed in a cellar a bust of Commodus under the attributes of Hercules, the finest ever gathered from the ruins of the ancient city; the celebrated Venus Lamiana; the statues of the Muses Erato and Polyhymnia; two figures of tritons and one of Pan, besides several busts and heads.

The third is the southern section of the House of the Vestal Virgins, of whose yield of coins, statues, and pedestals I have already spoken.

Only three virgin spots in an area of four square miles! This fact, while it gives us an idea of the gigantic work accomplished by seekers of antiquities since the renaissance of classic studies, warns us at the same time to entertain little hope of further discoveries in the quarters of Rome built since 1870. Quite different, however, is the state of things as regards the old districts by the Tiber. Here we find, clustered around the remains of the great buildings of the Campus Martius, houses, monasteries, churches, and palaces, whose foundations, resting on ancient walls, were laid in the Middle Ages, when nobody cared to search for works of art or for the records of the past, and when ancient marbles were considered fit only for the lime-kiln or for the stone-cutter's workshop.

The archeological wealth of this region passes belief. If a proper search were made among the remains of the Porticoes of Octavia and Philippus, of the Theaters of Pompey and Marcellus, of the Forums of Augustus and Cæsar, of the Admiralty (Neptunium), of the Circus Flaminius, and other structures which have remained to the present day covered and protected by houses, churches, and monasteries, there would be no room left in our museums for the storage of the treasures that would be

unearthed.

Moreover, when the sacred soil of Rome and of the Campagna shall finally be exhausted, our successors may find a mine of wealth, material as well as archeological, in the bed of old Father Tiber.

TRANSIENCE

The song I sang but yesterday,
Alas, I sing no more!
Its notes have died upon my lips,
For I have passed the door
That opens to another day,
Which asks an unfamiliar lay.

No time without its music is, But songs and singers pass Like prayers unanswered by the gods, Like shadows on the grass. And yet it is a goodly thing To live one day, one song to sing.

Richard L. Wightman

THE STORY ON THE FACTOR'S BOOK

BY VINGIE E. ROE

WITH A DRAWING (FRONTISPIECE) BY GEORGE WRIGHT

HE books of the factor tell parts of many tales. Sometimes it is but the beginning, often it is snatches out of the middle, but seldom the ending, for that lies so frequently far in the gloom of the great woods where hangs eternal silence, or out among the potholes in the desolate stillness of the Ragged Lands. On a grimy, muchmarred page of the great volume which never leaves the factor's desk at Fort Du Cerne (showing that the pages of many years have been filled since then) there lies the name "Polier Le Moyne," written in a bold hand, and opposite it an account with the Hudson Bay Company, an account bursting with bales of rich furs on the credit side and with a showing of riotous living on the other-but an account that was never closed.

There are many who could tell you of Polier Le Moyne, of his great height and mighty strength, of the breadth of his bulky shoulders, of his manly beauty of black eyes, rich bloodcolor, and gleaming teeth, of his wonderful skill at trapping and hunting, and of his absolute joy of living. Also many tales would be told of his love-affairs, for who among those that came from the far fastnesses into Fort Du Cerne stood so well with the bright-checked maids? But their stories would stop abruptly with his last going away into the untracked ways of the dim forest to the north. For the rest, there was only the open account on the factor's book.

All this was years ago, and no one ever knew that the end of the story, taken up from that last entry and carried down to a day in the still, spirit-haunted silence of the region beyond the Windage Flats, was locked forever in the uncon-

scious breast of the old woman, Olee Bouyer—Olee Bouyer, vacant of eye and mind, withered of skin and with hair white as the snow that drifted against the old stockade in the long winters. And this was the ending of the untold chronicle, could Olee have remembered it.

There is nothing prettier at a certain period of her life than a French-Canadian girl, and the old trading-post, in the high days of the fur-trade, could boast as many beauties as the town of Henriette, farther back toward civilization. There was Marie Le Bault, who could show more gifts of the fine beadwork of the Crees, which her admirers brought her, than any other; there was Aline Courrier, whose pretty face had caused more than one bloody fight; and there was small, golden-haired Bertel Cardac, for whose sake the company had lost its best employee. When Father Tenau came up on certain times to hear confessions, he was burdened to the depths of his big heart with love-affairs from all save one, a tall and slender girl, silent, haughty, her head, with its shining braids of purple-black, held with the conscious pride of beauty which knows itself to be unsurpassed. face which held men's hearts with a yearning, tense desire, there looked a pair of eyes somber, dark, unreadable as the dreary stretches of the wind-swept flats. As far beyond the beauty of all others as the flaming lilies above the small woodtrailer, she came and went with a pride of bearing which would have been insolence in any other. And this was Olee Bouyer, only daughter of old Pierre Bouyer, trapper.

Did a party of hunters or voyageurs

drift into Fort Du Cerne, what drew them into trouble and heart-break and sent them away with a sense of loss and sadness, every one? Not the liquor, which flowed freely in those days, but the scornful eyes under the bands of Olee's black hair. Not a man at the post who did not follow the tall figure and haughty, glorious face with a nameless yearning in his heart, a heavy pumping of blood in his veins. And no one, except his own soul, ever knew why Father Tenau did the deepest penance of his blameless life in the cold, stone cell at Henriette.

All men, did I say, fell under the spell of the girl's beauty? No, not all; there was one who sent his glances everywhere save on Olee Bouyer, who went his way as if she did not exist, too proud or stubborn to follow in the common current. And this fact was the sweet morsel under the tongue of every unmarried woman at the post. One man there was among the many that knew her who did not acknowledge the supremacy of the queen. This man was Polier Le Moyne. Nor was it unnatural that these two proud hearts should stand out against each other until both were broken in the conflict. For this girl, haughty of mien and soul, Polier was the one man who appealed to every atom of her intense nature, fired her with love, hatred, and jealousy, and, by his indifference, laid on her a whip of humiliation. But of such unyielding coldness and such unmoved disdain was her bearing that the living fire in her heart sent out no banner of betrayal to the eager eyes on watch.

For Marie Le Bault, Olee felt a hatred as fierce as the dying fury of the savage beast trapped in the dark reaches of the somber forest—Marie Le Bault, who met him sometimes at the great gate and walked openly with him, throwing back her sparkling laugh at the smiles of the men and the hints of the matrons. There was a gift of hard-bought candles with the stamp of the H. B. Co. in their sides on the altar of the little church, and Father Tenau, shrewdly guessing, burned them with an added prayer.

But there came at last a time when, in the dusk of a winter's evening, in a lonely forest-way beyond the palisade of

Fort Du Cerne, the girl stood face to face with Polier Le Moyne-Le Moyne, the cold, the indifferent, the smiling. And it was only in accordance with the fate that held these two that the man. knowing the time had come, should reach out his great arms, and lift her, panting with sudden passion, to the height of his broad breast. This was a consummation—and a beginning. The surrender of both at once, and the flame that enwrapped them both from this time forth was indeed fire, as fierce, as wonderful, as appalling as the lights that shot across the black lakes on the windy nights when the trappers stayed in their cabins and the Cree runners crouched in their willow huts.

But no one knew that the water had found its level, for it was the whim of the girl that their love should be a secret, and this was a punishment for her lover's long pretense of indifference. She passed him in utter silence when they met under the eager eyes of the populace. Polier smiled as he watched her, his blood afire with the love that got no expression save in their lonely, infrequent meetings, when his eyes glowed above her head with the joy of the uncertain victor who is conquering a mighty force. She had promised to marry him in the fall, suddenly, without warning; and their secret love was to be her revenge upon Marie Le Bault and those who had smiled at her failure to win this man. meantime, a small cabin grew up secretly on the shore of the Black Lakes. It was two days distant, and its eerie solitude well fitted it for the part it was to play in the unfinished story on the factor's book. There was a riot of untempered joy in the strange, wild heart of Olee Bouyer, and the smoldering light in her eyes belied the cold smile on her lips.

II

It was about this time that a painter came to Henriette, a stray genius, his courtly manners strangely out of place in that rough wilderness. He had come from France, bringing across seas his own unwritten tale, to bury, in the forests of the New World, one knew not what burning memories of high estate, of love, and, mayhap, of banishment. He had brought with him, too, his art-

ist's skill. The very soul that looked out of a face looked out of it again beneath his magic brush. The rumor spread through Fort Du Cerne that this wonderful man was to come to the post for the sole purpose of painting the portrait of Marie Le Bault. But the strange part of tall was the fact that no one, not even Marie herself, so said the people, knew from whose traps were to come the furs for the fabulous price of the picture.

The painter came and began his work. A small man he was, and silent; the most adroit questioning elicited nothing. Speculation was rife. There was no living with Marie in those days, and the artist faithfully portrayed on the bit of ivory the self-complacence of her soul. If there was mystery, there was no lack of conclusions, and Olee heard a whisper that struck her dumb with a great, sickening horror of suspicion, a horror so vast, so overwhelming that she walked like one dazed through the days that followed. She never knew, nor would have cared had she known, that the watchful eyes of the painter gazed intently upon her, wherever she appeared, studying each curve, and hue, and outline, as if he would stamp her wondrous face indelibly in his memory. But at last the face of Marie was finished-an ivory miniature in a quaint gold frame-and hung in the factor's room, "awaiting further orders," as the man said who had made it: and every one came to see its dainty beauty, until one day, after the painter had returned to Henriette, it disappeared, and the factor only smiled.

But what about the man whose name was on the lips of every one in connection with the picture? He had gone up the long trail for the first far trip of the early fall, leaving in Fort Du Cerne a woman behind whose haughty face the fires of hell were beginning to glow redly. The adder of suspicion stung her ever more and more sharply, and, in the days when she brooded with heavy eves of agony, she looked into the future and beheld her tragedy. He had told her that he would go to Henriette and up to the cabin on the Black Lakes before he returned; and what did that mean save the taking of furs to the painter and the hanging of the picture in the quaint gold frame on the walls of the house that he

had built for her? She paced wildly back and forth with clenched hands, and the look in her somber eyes was cruel and fierce as a tiger's. The climax to her suffering came, sharp, decisive, electric—the young Pierre Vernaise, posing in the general store, remarked:

"I met in Henriette M'sieu Le Moyne. He was there on some mysterious business concerning the silent painter."

Three days after Pierre had made his smiling speech, the sun rising over the eastern edge of the forest looked down on a strange sight. Before the cabin on the shore of the Black Lakes, his strong hands bound behind him and a bright silk scarf across his lips, lay Polier Le Moyne. A little way from him a girl, in whose still face there was no sign of life except the horrible light in the glinting eyes, knelt and drove into the ground with ringing strokes a strong stake. A gun leaned against her knee as she worked. She drove four stakes, their heads pointing outward. In silence she rolled the man between them and began attaching a rawhide thong to his moccasined feet above the ankle. In a flash he understood and made a mighty spring with the length of his whole body, but the girl was upon him like a panther, and he stumbled down with the chill of steel against his throat.

"Perhaps M'sieu Le Moyne, the traitor, would prefer the knife?" she said. With watching eyes and ready blade, she tied him hand and foot, then

rose and looked down at him.

"So it was to have been Marie Le Bault who lived in the new cabin—Marie whose face in the gold frame cost M'sieu Le Moyne so many furs. A quaint conceit, m'sieu, and how the bride would have laughed at it on the walls of the house built—for me. But the bride will wait, and the factor will wait for the return of the trapper from the Windage Flats, and Father Tenau will wait for the gift of the ceremony."

The man's eyes begged wildly for speech, but with a bow and a cold smile Olee turned toward the forest. A dozen

steps away she looked back.

"Pardon, m'sieu, but I will console

Marie.

And so she left him, staked out beneath the hazy sky, in the silence of the great woods and the barren reaches of the Ragged Lands beyond.

III

FATHER TENAU had come up from Henriette for the confession. The trappers and half-breeds were gathering in for the remission of sins, before the long journeys into the wilderness, and there was much gaiety in Fort Du Cerne. Olee had been back two days, silent, triumphant, inscrutable, and none knew where she had been.

But the end of the story was nearer than she knew, and it came with the usual suddenness of such things. She had passed the laughing Marie before the house of the factor, and her fingers curled to the hilt of a knife in the folds of her skirt; but the long revenge was best, after all, when she should see the color fade from the bright cheeks and the light from the eyes with the shame of waiting for the lover who never came. It would be——

" My daughter," said the good father, and his gentle face was before her. She bowed her regal head for his blessing and dropped her burning eyes. Thoughts of her revenge ran through her mind, drowning out his soft voice. She waited, not knowing that he had blessed her, lost in her unholy dream. Suddenly, mon dieu, what was he saying? Through a maze of incomprehension came the words: "It is vanity, the painting of your face, my daughter, for the beauty must be of the soul; but there is nothing like a headstrong lover. And it is a good likeness, made, too, from the painter's memory of you, and Polier-

The father stopped breathless with the impact of her body. She had sprung upon him, and clutched him with fingers that drew blood.

"I? I?" she gasped. "My face?"
At his answer, out upon the crisp air rang a cry that reached every corner of the post, a scream of anguish, the voice of a strong soul in hell. She stood one moment as stone, and a forecast of the vacant look of the old Olee came into the young eyes for whose sake so many men would have given their hearts' blood. One moment, and then she was away, running like a hound, low to

earth, guarding strength for the long trail. Father Tenau watched her go and wondered. But she was ever a strange, lawless being, eerie and not to be understood. The father sighed and went among his people.

With long, crouching strides Olee leaped like a panther through the dim woods, under the low-hanging branches. It was the impossible, men might say, that she accomplished that day. To the cabin on the Black Lakes and the thing she had left there it was a two days' journey, and she made it a matter of hours. At noon she might have been seen, had there been any to see, skirting the Windage Flats, and two hours later she was far among the pot-holes, running still with long, low leaps.

The sun was dropping toward the rim of the forest, sending over all the North Land great flaming bands of fire, turning to deepest red the waters of the still lakes, when she stood, wide-eyed and silent, at the edge of the small clearing. Her eyes, burning and flashing, traveled round the circle to the space before the Some lingering hope of the door. strength of the splendid arms of Polier Le Moyne, or of the unsoundness of the thongs, had sustained her and lent her speed in her race over the wild trail. With a savage snap of her beautiful teeth she sprang forward. A heaving cloud of vultures rose, spreading like the smoke when the Devil's Hole burns in the Red Hills. Down on her knees between the stakes, her body swaying drunkenly, she thrust her hands among the tattered rags. Over the side where his proud heart had beaten, she found it and brought it up-a bit of ivory in a quaint gold frame. She held it a moment in her hands, then turned it upward toward the fading light. Her own fair face, haughty, cold, insolent in its marvelous beauty, looked up at her with its dark, somber, inscrutable eyes.

A band of the Blackfeet came into Fort Du Cerne in the early spring, and brought a woman, tall, beautiful, silent, with a face like a queen of heaven, but with great eyes that saw not and long braids of snowy hair. But months before that the factor had married Marie Le Bault.

THE ROOSEVELT OF THE ARMY

BY ALLEN D. ALBERT, JR.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL JAMES FRANKLIN BELL, A REAL FIGHTER WHO WITHIN EIGHT YEARS HAS EARNED HIS WAY FROM A LIEUTENANCY TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF STAFF—THE HIGH QUALITIES THAT COMMEND HIM TO HIS PRESENT WORK

CHANGE was made in the directing control of the regular army of the United States a short time ago from which practically the whole corps of army officers, as well as the President and the Secretary of War, expect great military progress. It was the promotion of a comparatively young man, an officer relatively low on the roster-Brigadier-General James Franklin Bell-to be chief of staff. By that act the President and Secretary did two radical things: they gave approval to certain clearly defined policies of army development with which General Bell has become prominently identified; and they made it possible for that officer to fix those policies upon the army by a term of service which, easily enough, may cover fourteen years.

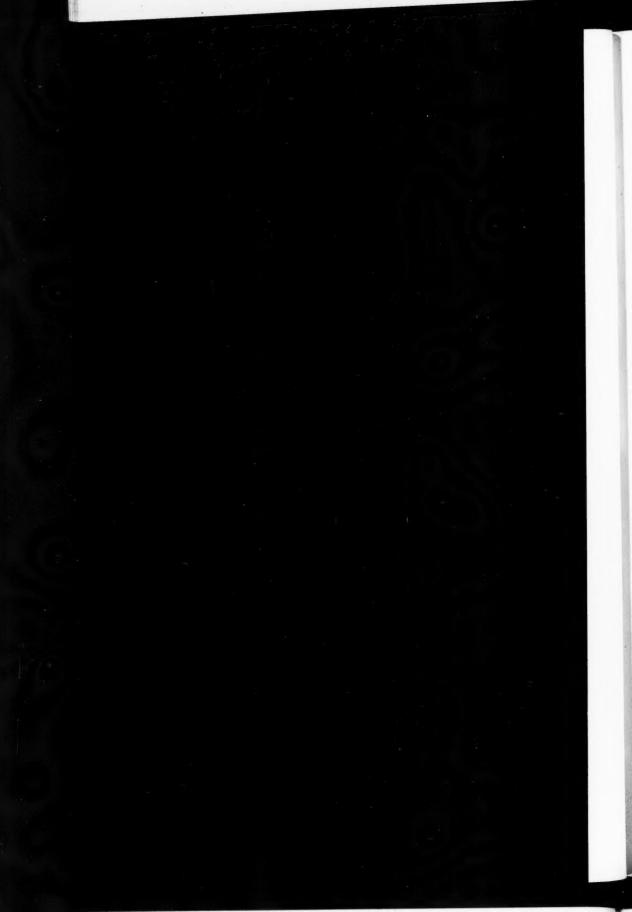
The selection of General Bell was remarked outside the army chiefly for the fact that the new chief of staff was ranked by a dozen other officers. Yet it was not more unusual in that respect than it was natural to the President. For Bell represents in the army precisely the things Theodore Roosevelt represents in civil life. Both are great students, physically active and strong of body, with minds never at rest, eager fighters for progress, born politicians of the best type that our public life has yet produced, and both have risen to positions of great power in the face of great discouragement. A personality of that caliber could not long be hidden from the President in any body of men over which he was commander-in-chief; and when his own judgment was reenforced by testimony taken out of Secretary Taft's experience in the Philippines, it is not at all surprising that to such an officer was given the responsibility of shaping the growth of the army, no matter if there were a hundred others to be passed over.

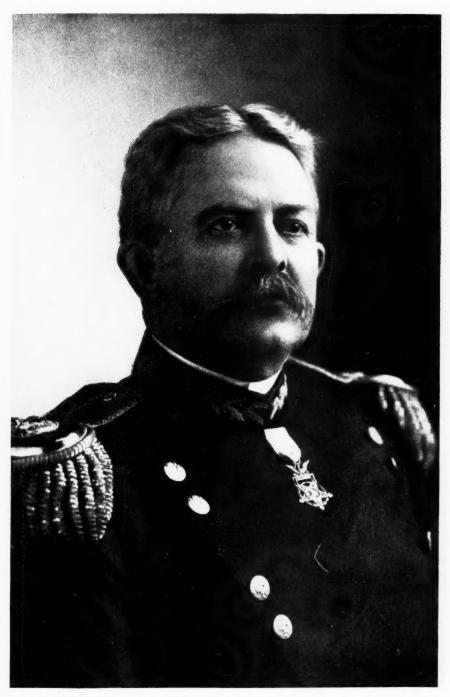
THE POWER OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Appointment to the post of chief of staff really means appointment to the military command of the army. When the ostensible rank of other officers is greater than that of the chief, it may be -as it is now-the practise for orders to issue from the Secretary of War. But nobody in the army is under any illusions as to the source from which the orders really come. The Secretary and over him the President determine only the broadest policies of army control. Thus, they approve or disapprove of camps of instruction or field maneuvers; but once they reach their conclusion, evcrything else is entrusted to the chief of staff. He directs the operations of the whole army, its education, its equipment, its study of army progress in other nations, and, except in cases of open estrangement, he has an effective influence with the civil heads of the army in the determination of even the broadest policies.

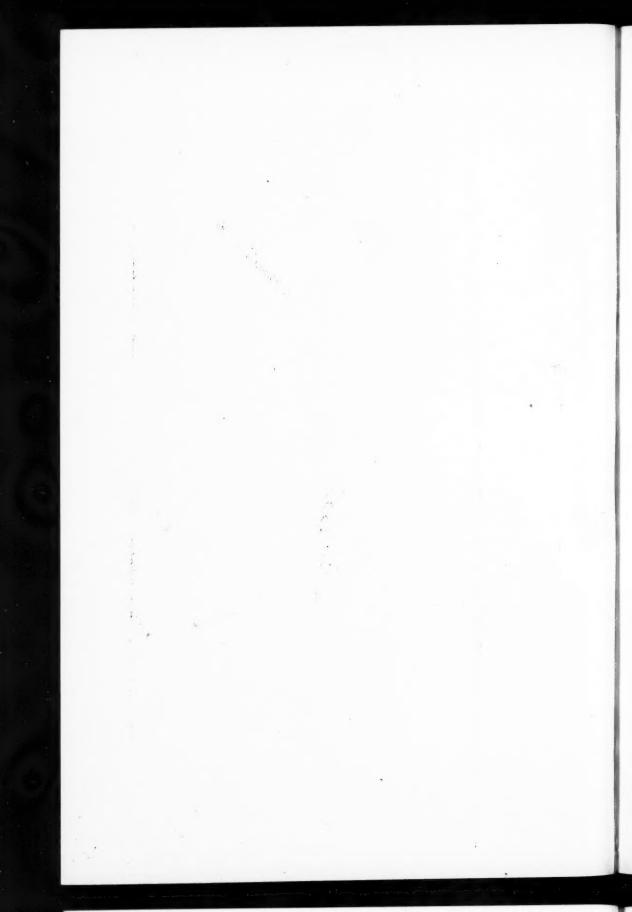
This is the job which General Bell assumed on April 17. Three qualities recommend him for it. If a poll were taken of his fellows in the service, they would probably place those qualities in this order: ability as a general in the







BRIGADIER-GENERAL JAMES FRANKLIN BELL, CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY $From\ a\ photograph\ by\ Harris\ \&\ Ewing.\ Washington$



field; ability as an administrative officer; ability to guide the educational and other development of the army.

A REAL FIGHTER

It is interesting to talk of General Bell to almost any other general officer who has seen real fighting. His eyes shine, he smiles reminiscently, and very likely he gives a grunt which reveals more of admiration than an hour's talk. "Office soldiers" are not in high favor in the American army. The men who make it what it is like real fighters, and Bell is one of the best the service has ever known.

At the outbreak of the War with Spain the new chief of staff was forty-five years old and a first lieutenant. Remarkable as that seems, it is the truth. And he had been a lieutenant for twenty years. But in less than eight years after his first chance at anything more than garrison duty he has earned his way from a lieutenancy to the head of the army—and he has done so mainly by fighting.

Some of this fighting has been of the personal, hand-to-hand, melodramatic kind they have on the stage. The act for which he was awarded his medal of honor is illustrative. Down in Luzon, in September, 1899, Bell was leading a regiment in an attack on a band of insurgents hidden in a bamboo thicket. He had discovered that the Filipino was a persistent and dangerous foe at every distance greater than a hundred yards, but tumbled over in fright before an opponent who bore down on him with a deal of noise. So, shouting at the top of his throat, he beat his way into the ambush and alone took captive the commanding officer of the enemy and two privates. After that his motto for ms men was, "Shout and Shoot." If they followed his example, they did both.

BELL'S CAREER IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Philippines were the scene of a score of such happenings; but the islands afford examples, also, of the bigger things the army officer means when he speaks of Bell as a fighter. When the war began Bell was sent out to the Philippines as a major of engineers in the volunteer service. He participated in the fighting, such as it was, with the

Spaniards, and subsequently, as head of General Otis's intelligence department, he did valuable work in watching the movements of Aguinaldo and the other Filipino leaders. When the native rebellion came to a head, he obtained permission to go to the front. At first as captain of a company of Montana volunteers, and later as colonel of the newly organized Thirty-Sixth Volunteer Infantry, he was in the van of the advance upon the insurgent capital, moving along the railroad between Manila and Dagupan so rapidly that the enemy never had time to take up the rails.

SNUFFING OUT THE INSURRECTION

In December, 1899, he became a brigadier-general of volunteers, and early in the following year he was appointed to the command of one of the northwestern districts of Luzon, with headquarters at Dagupan. The embers of rebellion were still smoldering in the corners of his territory. Forthwith Bell inaugurated a policy of garrisoning every town of any size or importance in the entire district. The result was absolute peace before any one had thought it even a possibility. So it happened that Dagupan was distinguished as the center of one of the first civil administrations installed in the Philippines.

In Batangas Province had broken out a revolution which threatened to prove costly in American lives. The subdivision includes twelve hundred square miles, and in it at that time were gathered about two hundred thousand natives, all supposed to be thirsting for invaders' blood and skilled in bush-fighting like our Indians of the West. To pacify these people and this district was Bell's next task.

Dagupan had taught him a lesson. Accordingly he began operations by separating the sheep from the goats. That is about all that his much-condemned policy of reconcentration meant. Those who were willing to submit to American rule could come inside the fold and be protected; those who were not willing could stay outside and be killed. A long treatise on this plan of campaign rests in the files of the War Department to-day, and in it at frequent intervals occur such words as "philanthropic"

and "successful," all used with apparent justification; but when you have read it through you have got no further than the sheep and the goats and the need for keeping them apart, lest the sheep emulate the fighting qualities of the goats. The secret of the extraordinary success which General Bell achieved in Batangas lies just there—so closely allied are common sense and the art of modern warfare.

PROMPTNESS AND COMMON SENSE

A suggestion of the administrative ability which his present department associates admire so greatly in General Bell can be found in his conduct of those two enterprises. It consists mainly of a rare capacity for keeping his feet firm on the ground. A thousand other officers might have earned his medal of honor; hardly any one other would have thought to garrison Dagupan or limit the fighting in Batangas to men desperate enough to keep constantly at it.

But there is a better illustration of this phase of General Bell's strength than any which comes across the Pacific. It is only a few months old. At a day's notice he found himself confronted with the responsibility of garrisoning the wrecked city of San Francisco and shipping thither about a million dollars' worth of supplies. Army traditions threatened him at every step-one thing was supposed not to be done except by publishing invitations for competitive bids; another, except by signing contracts in duplication; and so on until the people of San Francisco might have been starved to death half a dozen times. The whole batch of restrictions was calmly set aside. Instead of publishing invitations, General Bell bought supplies where he could get them with the least delay in delivering them to the sufferers; instead of signed contracts, he chartered express-cars, baggage-cars, and whole trains by telegraph; and before a less vigorous man could have laid his plans, the new chief of staff had his men and his goods alike at their destina-

Tact is one of the first qualities of administrative ability. Apparently, even the President sets great store by it—at any rate, he is said to be greatly pleased

with a recent happening which indicates that the new chief of staff possesses it in plenty. One of the major-generals who nominally rank Brigadier-General Bell is now acting as military secretary, a new office made necessary by the issuing of orders in the name of the Secretary of War. It sometimes happens that both the Secretary of War and the Assistant Secretary of War are away from Washington at the same time. To provide for that contingency, an order was prepared by the President not long ago to the effect that at such times the chief of staff should act as Secretary of War, an arrangement which would have the effect of placing General Bell, a brigadier, in direct authority over the military secretary, a major-general. The order was never published. Instead came one which named the military secretary as the acting Secretary of War; and it was issued on the direct and urgent request of the chief of staff.

It was just as well that General Bell was not saddled with any extra work. He has enough to do. The mere supervision of the army schools is as big a task as that which keeps President Eliot busy at Harvard or President Hadley at Yale.

HOW ARMY OFFICERS ARE TRAINED

Few Americans realize how far service in their army is a matter of going to school. All graduates of West Point have three years of it under garrison teachers. The best of them then spend a year at the Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth, and the best of those put in a year more at the Staff College. Then the best of the Staff College students go to Washington for a year at the War College. Every regiment has about two officers at this lastnamed institution. When they go back to their garrison two others take their places. In ten years there will be, probably, twenty officers in each regiment trained as thoroughly as the best military schools in the world can train them.

This whole system is a proof of General Bell's capacity for guiding the educational development of the army. It owes its existence to him more than to any other officer in the service. Through

all the long years of his low rank, when study was not at a premium in the army, he organized schools in his troop, or as post-adjutant at Fort Riley provided the outline and supplied the push for what is now known officially as the School of Application for Infantry and Cavalry at that post. It was he who reopened the school at Fort Leavenworth after the war with Spain and expanded it into a staff college.

That none of these colleges have become mere factories of theory is due to him—for the first principle of a Bell course is "just enough theory to do the thing practically." When a young officer has studied map-making at Fort Riley or Fort Leavenworth he is sent out on horseback to make one on the trot.

THE PRACTICAL STUDY OF WAR

The unyielding purpose to keep the whole course of instruction down to earth reaches even to the War College. The instructors there are members of the chief's council-the general staff. They offer the student the most advanced practise he can hope to obtain. And yet he is not occupied there with calculating resistance or estimating mathematically the effect of wind on the velocity of a bullet. He is made, instead, to learn the history of moving troops by railroad, to study the uses of dirigible balloons and sky photography, to devise means of supplying the American newspaper with information its readers ought to have and yet not duplicate the experience of the Russians whose plans went round the world from Manchuria and reached Japan in twenty-four hours.

To the lay mind the resolute will to study which enabled this man to be ready for his chance when it came and to develop a system of schools for his officers which promises to make the American army the best taught in the world will seem to be his greatest strength. The War Department will remember him a great many years for the confidence with which he is brushing away red tape and circumlocution. But the army, with all respect for those qualities, ranks him as the first man on its roster for fighting in the field—and the rest of us will do well if we accept him at the army's valuation.

"I am convinced," said General Bell in a recent speech, "that the highest standard of individual intelligence which any army has ever reached is exemplified in the soldiers of our own nation. earnestly pray that the idea so tenaciously clung to in our old army, that a soldier was not expected to think, his only duty being to obey, has had its day, and will forever be left to repose upon the scrapheap of discarded military notions. An officer trained in the old traditions of prompt and unquestioning obedience, without any desire to understand, may look askance at any militia or volunteer idea of appealing to reason, because it seems to smack too much of moral suasion in military discipline. I believe we of the regular army have for years failed to form a correct appreciation of the spirit underlying the volunteer idea. I am convinced that the idea is and always has been sound; its weakness has lain in methods of carrying it out."

These were remarkable words to come from a West Point graduate of nearly thirty years' standing, a lifelong student of military science, and the holder of the highest executive post in our regular establishment. They are a significant expression of the principles that guide General Bell in his work for the army of the United States.

IN THE WOOD

O TREE, perhaps alive as I—
One process lacking of my clay—
Give me your outlook to the sky,
The airy cheer that fills your day!

Your grace of perfect service teach; Your splendid dare of things that are; The noble patience that can reach Across the years from sod to star.

THE RESCUE

BY DOROTHY CANFIELD

AUTHOR OF "MOONSHINE," "THE BLISS OF SOLITUDE," ETC.

'HE old man controlled himself with a violent effort, and stopped his storming commands, daunted by the face of fierce opposition which the girl turned to him. He wheeled about and relieved his mind by a few clamorous, angry chords on the great piano against which he was leaning. There was a moment's silence before he faced her again-a silence full of faint reminiscent murmurs and echoes from the music-soaked walls of the bare little room. The tense rigidity of the girl's slenderness relaxed a little; and when the master again looked at her, the stormy light of revolt was gone from her eyes, leaving their usual curious, half-absent brooding.

The old man shook back his long white hair, and began afresh in a new manner.

"I am not so unreasonable as you think," he said in an argumentative tone. "I know well enough I have no legal right to order your life in any way; but"—his voice broke in a grieved quaver—"some rights I have—your old master?"

The girl's eyes softened.

"Every right a human parent can have over his child you have, a thousand times stronger, over me—you, who are the parent of my soul, who have made me what I am. But no parent has the right

to forbid his child life!"

"I don't forbid you life! I am human as well as you, and I have been young! There have been women in my life, and from them I have drawn my best inspiration. I did not marry because I felt my art would suffer—love and marriage are two different things; but I don't forbid you even marriage—least of all, love! Love all you can, marry if you must; but, in the name of heaven, do not select the one man who is separated from you by an impassable chasm. You admit yourself that he has no musical feeling!"

"He does not know one note from another," said the girl firmly, "and I

love him for it."

"You are insane! You are simply unfit to govern your life!" cried the other, in an irresistible burst of choking fury. "What mad idea have you in your head to say that?" He calmed himself again, one shaking hand at his wrinkled old throat. "And an American who is not rich! And a college professor! You, with your training and knowledge of the world of live men and women, to bury yourself in the gossiping, deadening existence of any company of schoolmasters—but in America! And Western America! You can have no faintest remnant of reason left, to think of such a thing!"

The disciple smiled.

"It has been long since you have been

in love, maestro mio!" she said.

"In love! Do you know what that means in America? It means a lure to get you—you, Federiga Potowska—to do his housework, to make and maintain a tiresome social position for him, to bear his children, and to sink every spark of your individual life and health and strength in bringing them up!"

Federiga hesitated and then said with a sudden half bold, half terrified rush:

"What better can I do with my vigor and health?"

The old man screamed aloud in a sort of frenzy.

"You blaspheme! You blaspheme!

You are beside yourself!"

And then he sank on the seat before the piano, and, laying his head on the keys, he wept aloud, like a child or a heart-broken old man. The girl's face was drawn in nervous lines of agitation, and she spoke pleadingly.

"Oh, no, I didn't mean that. Henry will never require me to give up my

music. Dear master, you love me; why deny me the right to take this one golden

opportunity of my life?"

"The one golden opportunity! Have you no memory? How many men have you refused—men who were mad for love of you, who could appreciate your music, which is your soul, as well as your body and mind. But this half man, this barbarian who owns himself tone deaf!"

"That is just it—can't you see? He is the only man who has ever loved me—me! My music is not myself, it is only a

manifestation."

"It is not that I am going over the old ground that a woman of genius should not marry at all, but it is as if the most beautiful woman in the world should insist on marrying a blind man."

"Master, tell me truly; I am speaking to you from my heart. If I had married Alexis Nicolaievitch, as you wished—Alexis Nicolaievitch, who would have given me passionate love, position, freedom from care, and an almost insane admiration for my music—and if, on my wedding-day, my right hand had become paralyzed, what would have happened?"

The old man defended himself from this thrust almost indignantly as from an

unfair weapon.

"Why, of course! What do you expect? Your music is a part of you. What have you a right to ask of human men?"

Federiga's eyes suddenly blazed with

a wild joy.

"That's it! That's it! That's all one has a right to expect! But by some unheard-of good fortune I escape the common fate. I alone can be sure that I am really loved. It is as if a beautiful woman should marry a blind man! Do you suppose, after a woman has lived long enough to see the barrier that beauty puts between her and men, after she has seen the sort of love it calls forth—do you suppose, if she could find a blind man who would love her, herself, truly and passionately, that she would not leave all the world to follow him?"

The old man stared at her in blank

bewilderment.

"You are simply mad! You have refined on insane subtleties until you cannot see the simplest truths of nature. What is beauty for, but to draw the hearts of men? What are you but your music?"

"So I have always feared! I had come to feel it as inevitable, as part of the sadness of human life. I have thought that the most beautiful woman never could find a blind man who would love her; that, in truth, she was nothing but her beauty."

The musician beat frantically upon the keys, evoking a clangorous discord of

maddened exasperation.

"God in heaven grant me patience! That such a fool should have such a genius! How can a man love a woman but for her qualities? You would not be

you without your music!"

"So I feared, so I feared, although I cherished the wild hope that all women have, until it is crushed out of them, that somewhere there would be a man who would, by loving it, prove that I had something beyond the outward show that all the world may see. Music has been like a prison to me, which has shut me away from all humanity. Henry Livingstone has delivered me from my bondage, and I am so happy that it seems at times I must die of joy."

"But me—do you never think of me? I have given these last ten years of my life to you; and without a quiver of remorse, without a sign of self-reproach for your desertion, you leave me."

Tears stood, large and glittering, in

the girl's eyes.

"Oh, master, that is the hard part! There is where you make it bitter for me! Do you think I have no remorse?"

The old man seized with pathetic eagerness upon this sign of weakening.

"Child, child, tell me it is all a bad dream—a fancy that has passed!" The tears rolled down the girl's cheeks, paled by the stress of the struggle. She was so evidently laboring under some overpowering emotion that the other started up, eager hope in his eyes. "You have seen reason, Federiga! You are rescued!"

He pushed her with an affectionate, roughness into a chair, and bent his stiff old frame to kneel beside her, his face all alight with hypnotic fervor, and so impassioned an earnestness breathing from him that Federiga sank back, her hand over her eyes. She did not move from this position during a long time, while the master painted with a flaming wealth of words the golden and glorious future

which lay before her. Wrought up by the intensity of his feeling, he had an inspired certainty that he was succeeding, that he was hitting the weak places in her arguments, that the curious, intangible barriers in the girl's mind were giving way before the irresistible rush of his eloquence. He held up her hand, her long white artist hand, and felt that he made her realize to the point of breaking nerves the entrancing possibilities that lay in its firm grasp. He appealed to her ambition, the highest form of it he could imagine; he appealed to her love for him, and to the debt she owed him; he argued, with cruelly sharp divination of her character, that the life she had planned would be a desolate one, a continual horror of abnegation of the best in her. He felt himself in one of those crises of emotion when speech is no longer a barrier to expression, when the flame of feeling burns itself palpably to view.

And yet, as his agitation grew, and as he felt hers respond to it, even this heaven-sent gift of speech was not enough. He struggled in the grasp of a passion higher and keener than he could put into words, and, with a musician's instinct, he turned to the piano. Federiga saw his purpose, and, breaking the quivering stillness in which she had listened to him, she cried in an agony of fear:

"Oh, no! Not that! Don't play to

me! Don't play to me!"

She sprang from her chair and rushed across the room toward the door, as if to escape. The old man, quicker and stronger than she, put her on one side roughly, locked the door, and darted back to the piano, his eyes alight with an imperious certainty of victory. Federiga sank down by the door, in the farthest corner of the room, and put her hands over her ears with a frenzied gesture; but after the first puissant chords resounded, her hands dropped despairingly, and she turned to gaze helplessly at the magician of sound who was weaving relentlessly the most mighty of his spells.

Even as he played, the old master knew that he was touching the highest achievement of his life. All the forces of his nature were fused into one overwhelming and indomitable resolve to protect the sanctuary of all he held most sacred. It was as if his life had been one long preparation for this moment, so consciously did he pour into his music all the potent vitality gained from battles won in a life of combat for an ideal.

After an interval, the defenseless girl on the other side of the room rose to her feet as though under a spell, and made her way blindly across the floor to the piano. The player did not look up, but into the already maddeningly poignant splendor of his harmonies he infused a yet more piercing quality of intimate beauty. For a long time the three—the invincible master, the conquered woman, and the gloriously resounding instrument-throbbed and glowed and lived as one. And then the old man suddenly stopped and looked full at Federiga.

The room hummed and whispered about them with the haunting murmurs of a huge sea-shell. The girl's slender body shook almost visibly, and across the unearthly pallor of her face there still vibrated inaudible echoes, like the unheard voice of a stringless and dumb violin that answers with all its fibers the long-drawn call of another instrument.

"Ah, Federiga, am I not right? Is there anything else to live for? See, I put it on the highest ground. Do not live for your music because of the joy of it—even because of the heavenly joy of it—but for the sake of the divine thing itself. You are a priestess chosen by fate to minister at the altar. You are necessary to the sacred art. Consecrate yourself to it-to the thing which makes us both what we are."

He rose and led her to the piano gently, as if not to break the spell which lay upon her. At the touch of the instrument the blood came to her face in a rush. She sank upon the seat before it, and spread out her arms upon it with a fierce, hungry gesture of devotion which went to the old man's heart. She bowed her bright head above the keys, she laid her warm cheek upon their cold surface. She kissed their deathlike whiteness with her red lips in a fervor which the master took to be the passion of consecration.

"Heaven be praised!" she cried in a loud voice of joy. "You are too late!"
"Too late?" he asked.

"Too late! Too late! Too late! Thank God, I was married to Henry Livingstone this morning!"

THE ETHICS OF PIG

BY O. HENRY

ILLUSTRATED BY E. M. ASHE

O N an east-bound train I went into the smoker and found Jefferson Peters, the only man with a brain west of the Wabash River who can use his cerebrum, cerebellum, and medulla oblongata at the same time.

Jeff is in the line of unillegal graft. He is not to be dreaded by widows and orphans; he is a reducer of surplusage. His favorite disguise is that of the target-bird at which the spendthrift or the reckless investor may shy a few inconsequential dollars. He is readily vocalized by tobacco; so, with the aid of two thick and easy-burning brevas, I got the story of his latest Autolycan adventure.

"In my line of business," said Jeff, "the hardest thing is to find an upright, trustworthy, strictly honorable partner to work a graft with. Some of the best men I ever worked with in a swindle would resort to trickery at times.

"So, last summer, I thinks I will go over into this section of country where I hear the serpent has not yet entered, and see if I can find a partner naturally gifted with a talent for crime, but not yet contaminated by success.

"I found a village that seemed to show the right kind of a layout. The inhabitants hadn't found out that Adam had been dispossessed, and were going right along naming the animals and killing snakes just as if they were in the Garden of Eden. They call this town Mount Nebo, and it's up near the spot where Kentucky and West Virginia and North Carolina corner together. Them States don't meet? Well, it was in that neighborhood, anyway.

"After putting in a week proving I wasn't a revenue officer, I went over to the store where the rude fourflushers of

the hamlet lied, to see if I could get a line on the kind of man I wanted.

"'Gentlemen,' says I, after we had rubbed noses and gathered 'round the dried-apple barrel, 'I don't suppose there's another community in the whole world into which sin and chicanery has less extensively permeated than this. Life here, where all the women are brave and propitious and all the men honest and expedient, must, indeed, be an idol. It reminds me,' says I, 'of Goldstein's beautiful ballad entitled "The Deserted Village," which says:

Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey;
What art can drive its charms away?
The judge rode slowly down the lane,
mother,
For I'm to be Queen of the May.'

"'Why, yes, Mr. Peters,' says the storekeeper. 'I reckon we air about as moral and torpid a community as there be on the mounting, according to censuses of opinion; but I reckon you ain't ever met Rufe Tatum.'

"'Why, no,' says the town constable, 'he can't hardly have ever. That air Rufe is shore the monstrousest scalawag that has escaped hangin' on the galluses. And that puts me in mind that I ought to have turned Rufe out of the lockup day before yesterday. The thirty days he got for killin' Yance Goodloe was up then. A day or two more won't hurt Rufe any, though.'

"'Shucks, now,' says I, in the mountain idiom, 'don't tell me there's a man in Mount Nebo as bad as that.'

"'Worse,' says the storekeeper. 'He steals hogs.'

"I thinks I will look up this Mr. Tatum; so a day or two after the constable turned him out I got acquainted with him and invited him out on the edge of town to sit on a log and talk business.

"What I wanted was a partner with a natural rural make-up to play a part in some little one-act outrages that I was going to book with the Pitfall & Gin circuit in some of the Western towns; and this R. Tatum was born for the rôle as sure as nature cast Fairbanks for the stuff that kept *Eliza* from sinking into the river.

"He was about the size of a first baseman; and he had ambiguous blue eyes like the china dog on the mantelpiece that Aunt Harriet used to play with when she was a child. His hair waved a little bit like the statue of the dinkusthrower in the Vacation at Rome, but the color of it reminded you of the 'Sunset in the Grand Cañon, by an American Artist,' that they hang over the stovepipe holes in the salongs. He was the Reub, without needing a touch. You'd have known him for one, even if you'd seen him on the vaudeville stage with one cotton suspender and a straw over his ear.

"I told him what I wanted, and found

him ready to jump at the job.

"'Overlooking such a trivial little peccadillo as the habit of manslaughter,' says I, 'what have you accomplished in the way of indirect brigandage or nonactionable thriftiness that you could point to, with or without pride, as an evidence of your qualifications for the

position?'

"' Why,' says he, in his kind of Southern system of procrastinated accents, 'hain't you heard tell? There ain't any man, black or white, in the Blue Ridge that can tote off a shoat as easy as I can without bein' heard, seen, or cotched. I can lift a shoat,' he goes on, 'out of a pen, from under a piazza, at the trough, in the woods, day or night, anywhere or anyhow, and I guarantee nobody won't hear a squeal. It's all in the way you grab hold of 'em and carry 'em atterwards. Some day,' goes on this gentle despoiler of pig-pens, 'I hope to become reckernized as the champion shoat-stealer of the world.'

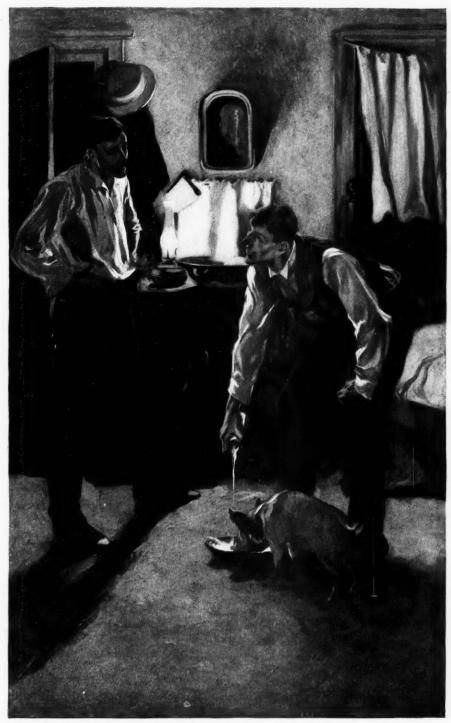
"'It's proper to be ambitious,' says I; and hog-stealing will do very well for Mount Nebo; but in the outside world,

Mr. Tatum, it would be considered as crude a piece of business as a bear raid on Bay State Gas. However, it will do as a guarantee of good faith. We'll go into partnership. I've got a thousand dollars cash capital; and with that homeward-plods atmosphere of yours we ought to be able to win out a few shares of Soon Parted, preferred, in the money market.'

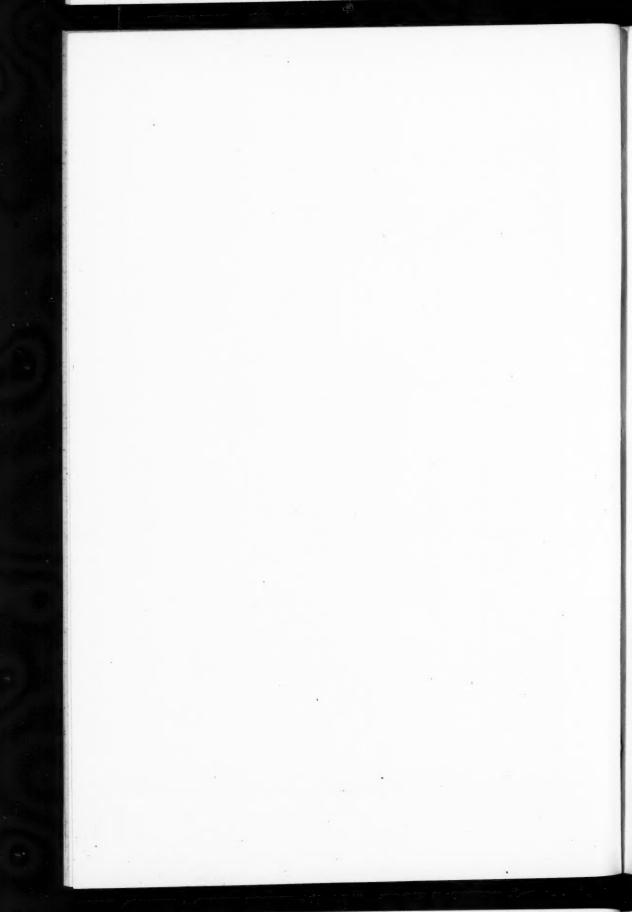
"So I attaches Rufe, and we go away from Mount Nebo down into the low-lands. And all the way I coach him for his part in the grafts I had in mind. I had idled away two months on the Florida coast, and was feeling all to the Ponce de Leon, besides having so many new schemes up my sleeve that I had to wear kimonos to hold 'em.

"I intended to assume a funnel shape and mow a path nine miles wide through the farming belt of the Middle West; so we headed in that direction. when we got as far as Lexington we found Binkley Brothers' circus there, and the blue-grass peasantry romping into town and pounding the Belgian blocks with their hand-pegged sabots as artless and arbitrary as an extra session of a Datto Bryan duma. I never pass a circus without pulling the valve-cord and coming down for a little Key West money; so I engaged a couple of rooms and board for Rufe and me at a house near the circus grounds run by a widow lady named Peevy. Then I took Rufe to a clothing store and gents'-outfitted him. He showed up strong, as I knew he would, after he was rigged up in the ready-made rutabaga regalia. Me and old Misfitzky stuffed him into a bright blue suit with a Nile green visible plaid effect, and riveted on a fancy vest of a light Tuskegee Normal tan color, a red necktie, and the yellowest pair of shoes in town. They were the first clothes Rufe had ever worn except the gingham layette and the butternut topdressing of his native kraal, and he looked as self-conscious as an Igorrote with a new nose-ring.

"That night I went down to the circus tents and opened a small shell game. Rufe was to be the capper. I gave him a roll of phony currency to bet with and kept a bunch of it in a special pocket to pay his winnings out of. No; I didn't



HE HAD GOTTEN UP AND LIT HIS LAMP, AND WAS POURING SOME MILK INTO A TIN PAN ON THE FLOOR FOR A DINGY-WHITE, HALF-GROWN, SQUEALING PIG



mistrust him; but I simply can't manipulate the ball to lose when I see real money bet. My fingers go on a strike

every time I try it.

"I set up my little table and began to show them how easy it was to guess which shell the little pea was under. The unlettered hinds gathered in a thick semicircle and began to nudge elbows and banter one another to bet. Then was when Rufe ought to have singlefooted up and called the turn on the little joker for a few tens and fives to get them started. But, no Rufe. I'd seen him two or three times walking about and looking at the side-show pictures with his mouth full of peanut candy; but he never came nigh.

"The crowd piked a little; but trying to work the shells without a capper is like fishing without bait. I closed the game with only forty-two dollars of the unearned increment, while I had been counting on yanking the yeomen for two hundred at least. I went home at eleven and went to bed. I supposed that the circus had proved too alluring for Rufe, and that he had succumbed to it, concert and all; but I meant to give him a lecture on general business principles

in the morning.

"Just after Morpheus had got both my shoulders to the shuck mattress I hears a houseful of unbecoming and ribald noises like a youngster screeching with green-apple colic. I opens my door and calls out in the hall for the widow lady, and when she sticks her head out, I says: 'Mrs. Peevy, ma'am, would you mind choking off that kid of yours so that honest people can get their rest?'

"'Sir,' says she, 'it's no child of mine. It's the pig squealing that your friend Mr. Tatum brought home to his room a couple of hours ago. And if you are uncle or second cousin or brother to it, I'd appreciate your stopping its mouth, sir, yourself, if you please.'

"I put on some of the polite outside habiliments of external society and went into Rufe's room. He had gotten up and lit his lamp, and was pouring some milk into a tin pan on the floor for a dingywhite, half-grown, squealing pig.

"'How is this, Rufe?' says I. 'You flimflammed in your part of the work to-

night, and put the game on crutches. And how do you explain the pig? It looks like backsliding to me.'

"'Now, don't be too hard on me, Jeff,' says he. 'You know how long I've been used to stealing shoats. It's got to be a habit with me. And to-night, when I see such a fine chance, I couldn't

help takin' it.'

"'Well,' says I, 'maybe you've really got kleptopigia. And maybe when we get out of the pig belt you'll turn your mind to higher and more remunerative misconduct. Why you should want to stain your soul with such a distasteful, feeble-minded, perverted, roaring beast as that I can't understand.'

"'Why, Jeff,' says he, 'you ain't in sympathy with shoats. You don't understand 'em like I do. This here seems to me to be an animal of more than common powers of ration and intelligence. He walked half across the room on his hind legs a while ago.'

"' Well, I'm going back to bed,' says
I. 'See if you can impress it upon your
friend's ideas of intelligence that he's

not to make so much noise.'

"' He was hungry,' says Rufe. 'He'll

go to sleep and keep quiet now.'

"I always get up before breakfast and read the morning paper whenever I happen to be within the radius of a Hoe cylinder or a Washington hand-press. The next morning I got up early, and found the Lexington daily on the front porch where the carrier had thrown it. The first thing I saw in it was a double-column ad. on the front page that read like this:

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS RE-WARD.

The above amount will be paid, and no questions asked, for the return, alive and uninjured, of Beppo, the famous European educated pig, that strayed or was stolen from the side-show tents of Binkley Bros.' circus last night.

GEO. B. TAPLEY,
Business Manager.
At the circus grounds.

"I folded up the paper flat, put it into my inside pocket, and went to Rufe's room. He was nearly dressed, and was feeding the pig the rest of the milk and some apple-peelings.

"' Well, well, well, good morning all,' I says, hearty and amiable. 'So we are

up? And piggy is having his breakfast. What had you intended doing with that

pig, Rufe?'

"'I'm going to crate him up,' says Rufe, 'and express him to ma in Mount Nebo. He'll be company for her while I am away.'

"'He's a mighty fine pig,' says I,

scratching him on the back.

"'You called him a lot of names last

night,' says Rufe.

"'Oh, well,' says I, 'he looks better to me this morning. I was raised on a farm, and I'm very fond of pigs. I used to go to bed at sundown, so I never saw one by lamplight before. Tell you what I'll do, Rufe,' I says. 'I'll give you ten dollars for that pig.'

"'I reckon I wouldn't sell this shoat,' says he. 'If it was any other one I

might.'

"'Why not this one?' I asked, fearful that he might know something.

"'Why, because,' says he, 'it was the grandest achievement of my life. There ain't airy other man that could have done it. If I ever have a fireside and children, I'll sit beside it and tell 'em how their daddy toted off a shoat from a whole circus full of people. And maybe my grandchildren, too. They'll certainly be proud a whole passel. Why,' says he, 'there was two tents, one openin' This shoat was on a into the other. platform, tied with a little chain. I seen a giant and a lady with a fine chance of bushy white hair in the other tent. I got the shoat and crawled out from under the canvas again without him squeakin' as loud as a mouse. I put him under my coat, and I must have passed a hundred folks before I got out where the streets was dark. I reckon I wouldn't sell that shoat, Jeff. I'd want ma to keep it, so there'd be a witness to what I done.'

"'The pig won't live long enough,' I says, 'to use as an exhibit in your senile fireside mendacity. Your grand-children will have to take your word for it. I'll give you one hundred dollars for the animal.'

"Rufe looked at me astonished.

"'The shoat can't be worth anything like that to you,' he says. 'What do you want him for?'

"'Viewing me casuistically,' says I,

with a rare smile, 'you wouldn't think that I've got an artistic side to my temper. But I have. I'm a collector of pigs. I've scoured the world for unusual pigs. Over in the Wabash Valley I've got a hog ranch with most every specimen on it, from a Merino to a Poland China. This looks like a blooded pig to me, Rufe,' says I. 'I believe it's a genuine Berkshire. That's why I'd like to have it.'

"'I'd shore like to accommodate you,' says he, 'but I've got the artistic tenement, too. I don't see why it ain't art when you can steal a shoat better than anybody else can. Shoats is a kind of inspiration and genius with me. Specially this one. I wouldn't take two hundred

and fifty for that animal.'

"'Now listen,' says I, wiping off my forehead. 'It's not so much a matter of business with me as it is art; and not so much art as it is philanthropy. Being a connoisseur and disseminator of pigs, I wouldn't feel like I'd done my duty to the world unless I added that Berkshire to my collection. Not intrinsically, but according to the ethics of pigs as friends and coadjutors of mankind, I offer you five hundred dollars for the animal.'

"' Jeff,' says this pork esthete, 'it ain't

money; it's sentiment with me.'
"'Seven hundred,' says I.

"' Make it eight hundred,' says Rufe, 'and I'll crush the sentiment out of my heart.'

"I went under my clothes for my money-belt, and counted him out forty twenty-dollar gold certificates.

"'I'll just take him into my own room,' says I, 'and lock him up till after

breakfast.'

"I took the pig by the hind leg. He turned on a squeal like the steam calliope at the circus.

"'Let me tote him in for you,' says Rufe; and he picks up the beast under one arm, holding his snout with the other hand, and packs him into my room like

a sleeping baby.

"After breakfast Rufe, who had a chronic case of haberdashery ever since I got his trousseau, says he believes he will amble down to Misfitzky's and look over some royal-purple socks. And then I got as busy as a one-armed man with the nettle-rash pasting on wall-paper. I found an old negro man with an ex-

press wagon to hire; and we tied the pig in a sack and drove down to the circus

grounds.

"I found George B. Tapley in a little tent with a window flap open. He was a fattish man with an immediate eye, in a black skull-cap, with a fourounce diamond screwed into the bosom of his red sweater.

"'Are you George B. Tapley?' I

asks.

"'I swear it,' says he.

"' Well, I've got it,' says I.

"'Designate,' says he. 'Are you the guinea pigs for the Asiatic python or the alfalfa for the sacred buffalo?'

"'Neither,' says I. 'I've got Beppo, the educated hog, in a sack in that wagon. I found him rooting up the flowers in my front yard this morning. I'll take the five thousand dollars in large bills, if it's handy.'

"George B. hustles out of his tent, and asks me to follow. We go into one of the side-shows. In there was a jet black pig with a pink ribbon around his neck lying on some hay and eating carrots that a man was feeding to him.

"'Hey, Mac,' calls G. B. 'Nothing wrong with the world-wide this morn-

ing, is there?'

"'Him? No,' says the man. 'He's got an appetite like a chorus girl at 1 A.M.'

"'How'd you get this pipe?' says
Tapley to me. 'Eating too many pork
chops last night?'

"I pulls out the paper and shows him

the ad.

"'Fake,' says he. 'Don't know anything about it. You've beheld with your own eyes the marvelous, world-wide porcine wonder of the four-footed kingdom eating with preternatural sagacity his matutinal meal, unstrayed and unstole. Good morning.'

"I was beginning to see. I got in the

wagon and told Uncle Ned to drive to the most adjacent orifice of the nearest alley. There I took out my pig, got the range carefully for the other opening, set his sights, and gave him such a kick that he went out the other end of the alley twenty feet ahead of his squeal.

"Then I paid Uncle Ned his fifty cents, and walked down to the newspaper office. I wanted to hear it in cold syllables. I got the advertising man to his

window.

"'To decide a bet,' says I, 'wasn't the man who had this ad. put in last night short and fat, with long, black whiskers and a club-foot?'

"'He was not,' says the man. 'He would measure about six feet by four and a half inches, with corn-silk hair, and dressed like the pansies of the conservatory.'

"At dinner time I went back to Mrs.

Peevy's.

"'Shall I keep some soup hot for Mr. Tatum till he comes back?' she asks.

"'If you do, ma'am,' says I, 'you'll more than exhaust for firewood all the coal in the bosom of the earth and all the forests on the outside of it.'

"So there, you see," said Jefferson Peters, in conclusion, "how hard it is ever to find a fair-minded and honest

business-partner."

"But," I began, with the freedom of long acquaintance, "the rule should work both ways. If you had offered to divide the reward you would not have lost——"

Jeff's look of dignified reproach

stopped me.

"That don't involve the same principles at all," said he. "Mine was a legitimate and moral attempt at speculation. Buy low and sell high—don't Wall Street indorse it? Bulls and bears and pigs—what's the difference? Why not bristles as well as horns and fur?"

SIGNS OF WINTER

Lean sorceress in gold and scarlet robe,
With chin on knees, a-warming in the sun,
October stares into her fateful globe
To read the omens that she fain would shun.

UNCLE JOTHAM'S SPREE

THE STORY OF AN OLD DOG'S NEW TRICKS

BY JOHN A. CONE

VERYBODY was talking about it. Nothing quite so queer had ever happened before in Brushville. People who almost remembered the days of the stage-coach and the warming-pan could recall nothing so pathetically funny as this spree in which Uncle Jotham Hunt had been indulging. That a man should reach a condition of hilarious intoxication; that he should set out to "do up" the town; that he should begin to smash things generally, and finally land in the lock-up-all this was not, in itself, sufficiently unusual, even in the prohibition town of Brushville, to cause special comment. But Uncle Jotham's was altogether a different case.

Although Brushville was a large town, nearly everybody knew everybody else, either personally or by reputation, and Uncle Jotham Hunt was, in his way, almost as well known as any of the local clergymen or even the president of Brushville College. He was a sturdy, cheerful, eccentric, hard-working, illiterate farmer, who minded his business, went to church on Sundays, paid his bills, and had never been known to drink anything stronger than the decoction of molasses, ginger, and water which, in common with hundreds of other New England farmers, he carried with him into the hay-field. He had a strong sense of humor and was fond of practical jokes. Many of his quaint remarks had passed into proverbs in Brushville.

Just behind the college grounds lay Uncle Jotham's farm, which for forty years he had industriously cultivated, and with as much success as could be expected, after making necessary allowances for the uncertainties of the New

England climate, the ravages of insect pests, and the fact that nearly three hundred students roomed within forty rods of his orchard and garden. These three hindrances to agricultural progress were not endured by Uncle Jotham with the same degree of resignation. Bad weather and potato-bugs he regarded as dispensations of Providence, to be endured with patience; but he was not so reconciled to the depredations of the young men. And this was not strange. Living so near the campus, he was subjected to more annoyances than any other man in the town. Only a few days before the happenings recorded in this story, a football victory furnished an excuse for a nocturnal raid which made him unusually bitter against the disciples of the higher education.

The morning after the game, he found his horse yoked to one of his cows. A plow and a harrow rested side by side upon the roof of his stable. A rooster and an old gander were missing. The wheels had been removed from a cart and hoisted to the top of a chimney, while his barn-door was ornamented with certain cabalistic signs and Greek letters, plastered on with the reddest of red The orchard had not been over-Several apple-trees had been looked. stripped of their fruit, while the vegetable garden had an appearance of complete desolation. If Attila, the Hun, could boast that the grass never grew again where his horses' feet had trod, the students could with equal force have boasted that nothing worth mentioning, except grass, was left growing in Uncle Jotham's garden. A complaint was made to the college authorities, but as

they were unable to fix the blame of the raid upon individuals, they did not reimburse the old man for his losses.

It was only a few days after this that Uncle Jotham had his spree. That such a man, at the age of sixty-seven, after a life of total abstinence, should indulge in a carousal worthy of the traditional Western mining-camp, was amazing and even preposterous. A few charitable souls insisted that he was not intoxicated at all, but that he had suddenly lost his mind; and two or three good citizens recalled the fact that his grandfather, shortly before death, had exhibited symptoms of mild insanity.

But the sheriff made no allowances for temporary aberration. He promptly took charge of Uncle Jotham just as he was in the act of demolishing a barber's pole in front of the Brushville Hotel. This was the last of a long series of similar misdemeanors committed in various parts of the town.

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On the following day Jotham Hunt was brought before the local magistrate. Only about two hundred persons were present; but not more than that number could possibly get inside the court-room door. So great was the desire to attend that, had tickets of general admission been sold at fifty cents each, they would have been at a premium long before the time for the hearing to begin. About forty students had rushed in and secured front seats, anxious to see the expected fun.

Uncle Jotham looked cool and collected, and not at all ashamed of the unenviable notoriety which he had brought upon himself.

After the judge stated the charge made against him, great was the surprise in the court-room when Uncle Jotham confidently answered:

"I never got drunk in my life, jedge."
The officer who had made the arrest
was called upon to give his version of the
affair. This was the substance of his
story:

Friday, the day preceding the farmer's appearance in court, was the last day of the county fair, and a very busy day for the local police, as there was an unusual amount of drunkenness. Early in the

evening, the officer declared, he had been told that Mr. Hunt had been drinking, and that he should be looked after, but as the officer was urgently needed elsewhere at that time, it was nearly nine o'clock before he was able to look him up. He had then found him in the act of carrying off a barber's pole. He was surrounded by a crowd of boys and men who were greatly amused by the old man's antics, and who were giving him every encouragement to continue his unlawful work.

The officer also stated that the prisoner, before his arrest, had attempted to break up a meeting of the Woman's Social Alliance; he had disfigured the doors of the Baptist church and the college chapel with great daubs of paint; he had removed several gates from their hinges and thrown them into the street; he had been decidedly noisy—singing and yelling at the top of his voice; and what was still more to his discredit, he had rigged himself out in such a mixture of male and female attire as only a fool or a drunken man would ever dream of wearing on a public street.

As the officer finished his statement the boys in the front seats nudged one another and grinned; some of the older men looked sympathetically at the prisoner, while the prisoner himself smiled complacently.

"Mr. Hunt," said the judge after the officer had finished his story, "what have you to say in regard to these charges?"

Uncle Jotham stood up and looked at the judge.

"Well, yer honor," he began, "I admit that it does look as though I had been takin' a leetle too much, but I hadn't; I was jest celebratin', but I wa'n't drunk. If you'll jest let me tell the whole story in my own way, I think I can explain it satisfactory to yer honor and to the rest of the folks here."

"You may go on," said the judge.
"Well, the fact is, jedge, it was all on account of them steers of mine. You know that this week we've had our county fair, and my steers took the

county fair, and my steers took the pullin' match. I've been tryin' to git it fer five or six year, but it never come my way till this fall. I started in more'n a year ago to put them steers of mine in trainin', and I never let up on 'em till

last Thursday. There was times when I was afraid I had 'em trained a bit stale—I believe that's what the college boys call it—but I worked 'em out of it.

"Perhaps, jedge, you know that Cy Westcott has been takin' that pullin' prize fer the past three or four years, and he thought he had a cinch on it this year. But, by jug, he didn't! More'n three weeks ago I knew I had it solid. When I put them steers in trainin' I begun by pullin' an easy load on the stonedrag; then every day I'd make it a leetle heavier, but I alluz took good care never to stick 'em. One moonlight night about a month ago I took 'em down to the fairgrounds when there wa'n't any one round. The same rocks was right there on the ground that they'd used fer ten years. I piled 'em onto the drag till I knowed I'd reached the limit and then hitched on the steers. Gosh, didn't they stretch out and pull! I knowed then that I had a dead sure thing. The next day I met Cy on the road.

"'Cy,' sez I, 'who's agoin' to win the pullin' match fer two-year-olds, this

vear?

"'Wal, Jotham,' sez Cy, grinnin', 'I've got inter the habit of takin' it, and

I guess I'd better keep it up.'

"'Now look ahere, Cy,' sez I, 'I've got five dollars that sez you'll git out er the habit this year.'

"' I'll take it,' he sez.

"You see, jedge, I don't believe in gamblin'—never did in my life; but this was too good a chance to let slip, so, fer the sport of it, I thought I'd put up five, jest as the college boys do on a football game—kind of shows your loyalty to the home team."

The college boys applauded and the judge was obliged to call for order.

"Last Wednesday afternoon," continued Uncle Jotham, "was the time fer the match. First we pulled off the perlimernaries—that's what they call it at college, I believe; and then we come down to the finals, which was narrered down to Cy and me. The committee put another rock on the drag, and Cy started in first. He had a purty pair of critters, and they pulled well, movin' the load about ten foot. Then I hitched on Star and Bright. I bradded 'em up a leetle jest to let 'em know that somethin' was

expected of 'em, and then I straightened 'em out. They started off and snaked that drag more'n twenty foot without stoppin'. Then I turned 'em round and hauled it back ag'in. Once Bright balked a bit and started off one side. 'Who hish! Bright,' I sez, tappin' him on the nose and gittin' him in line ag'in. 'Who hish!' I sez."

Here Uncle Jotham, with an imaginary ox-goad in his hand, acted and described the return pull in a manner highly entertaining to his audience. He made it realistic and vivid, and when he reached the climax—the final "who ho!"—the students again broke out into applause.

Uncle Jotham bowed right and left as if acknowledging an encore, and when quiet was restored he continued.

"Perhaps, yer honor, I didn't feel good! Why, I felt like I jest wanted to hug them steers. Cy, he looked jest as if he'd et somethin' that was givin' him pain. He was awful cut up and surprised, but he forked over the bet."

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"Mr. Hunt," here interrupted the judge, "your story is all quite interesting, but you are not explaining the charges brought against you."

"I'm comin' to that right off, jedge. I had to tell you what I have told so you'd be sure to understand the whole

situation.

"Well, yer honor, it was this way. On my way home from the fair I made up my mind that I ought to celebrate the vict'ry. At first I didn't jest know what I better do, as I never done much celebratin' in my life. Then I thought I'd do jest as the college fellers does when they win a match. Of course I thought that was the proper way to do it, because at college they're supposed to learn you how to do things as they orter be done. When I got home I told Maria all about it-that is, all but the bet; I knew she wouldn't like that-and jest what I was goin' to do. First along she was a leetle doubtful, but after I'd talked to her a while, she sez:

""Well, Jotham,' she sez, 'I never did like the goin's-on of those college boys, and it will look dreadful foolish in a man of your age to go 'round town hootin' and vellin' the way they do: but if you want to celebrate that way, why, you've got jest as good a right as any-

body, and I'll help fix you up.'

"Then she got out her old sunbunnit, a caliker dress, and an old green veil. She rigged me out in these with the veil tied over my face. Next she tied a red table-cloth 'round my waist and pushed a feather duster down my back so the feathers stuck up over my head. Then I hunted up a can of red paint and a brush, put the dinner-horn under my arm, and started out.

"As fer the rest of it, jedge, I guess you know pretty much all about it, fer the officer here has got it about straight, only he's left out a few particulars. Of course I looked like a lunatic or a fool, but folks seemed to think I must be a student in disguise, doin' some stunts, so they didn't pay much attention to me at first. When I give my yell, though, they begun to collect about me like flies 'round a merlasses barrel."

"What do you mean by 'my yell'?" asked the judge, who had entered into the spirit of the situation, and was enjoying the fun as much as anybody in the court-

"Why, yer honor, you know they have a yell at the college, and they think they ain't celebratin' unless they let it off every few minutes, so I reckoned I must have one in order to do it up brown. Probably my yell ain't quite so schollerly and elegant as the college yells, but it seemed to jest suit the occasion. Here's what it is:

> Who-hish, Who-ho, Haw Bright, Gee Star, Get Up, Go On, Git!"

The old man brought this out with a swing and a dash that would have satisfied the most enthusiastic freshman, and the old court-room again rang with applause which the judge did not even attempt to quell.

"When I got up ter the town-hall," he continued, "I found that the women were holdin' a meeting of the Wednesday Club, an' I thought I'd go in an' show myself. I walked in singin':

Here's to good ole rum, drink er down, drink er down.

"How them women did scream! An'

when I give my yell, I thought some of 'em would faint dead away. Then the janitor come up an' took hold of me an' told me I'd better git out. I went out, but I give the yell again jest as I was

goin' down the steps.

"It's mighty queer, jedge, what a difference it makes who does a thing. Now I've heard tell of the students goin' in to the theater after the college team has won a vict'ry an' takin' full possession, yellin' and throwin' things 'round the hull evenin', or even breakin' up the show afore it was half done, an' nobody didn't find much fault. But as soon as I begin havin' a leetle of the same kind of fun over my team, the town is in an uproar, an' I'm pulled up fer bein' drunk.

"Wal, when I got out into the street again I thought I would sling round a leetle red paint, so I marked 'S.B.-'05,' on the Baptist meetin'-house door, on Deacon Smith's door-step, and in half er dozen places on the sidewalk. 'S. B.' stands fer 'Star and Bright,' and ''05' fer the year of their vict'ry. Of course every once in er while I give my teamyell, and soon a crowd begun to git round me jest as if they'd never seen nothin' like it before; but they had, lots of times, only I was whooperin' up fer a steer team instid uv a college team. hadn't got half through my list of stunts when the sheriff jugged me. I was intendin' to ring the Methodist bell, knock out a few lights of glass here and there, and burn up two or three rod of the cemetery fence.

"Now, yer honor, this celebratin' business is somethin' new fer me, but it ain't new fer the town. Of course I ain't studyin' trigernomertry nor Latin, and I don't belong to no Betty Nappy, Pie Eets, nor Si Susy Greek societies. If I did, probably I wouldn't hev been pulled up here before you. Ter tell yer the truth, I don't see no reason why a man should have a free license to make a fool uv himself in public an' destroy other folks' property jest because he's goin' to college. But if I want ter put on my Maria's clothes an' go out on the street an' make myself redikerlous, ain't I got as good a right to do it as if I was a-gittin' a higher

edication'?" "I think you have," said the judge with a smile. "The case is dismissed."

THE ROMANCE OF STEEL AND IRON IN AMERICA—THE STORY OF A THOUSAND MILLIONAIRES, AND A GRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE BILLION-DOLLAR STEEL TRUST

BY HERBERT N. CASSON

VII- J. PIERPONT MORGAN AND THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

The Great Era of Consolidation — How Two-Thirds of the Most Profitable American Industry Was Organized, Under Morgan's Leadership, into the Biggest of the World's Corporations — The Dramatic Career of John W. Gates, and the Personalities of Perkins, Gary, and Other New Powers in the World of Steel

In the early spring of 1901 J. Pierpont Morgan strode among the steel kings like a beneficent giant. Two years before, he had refused to become the overlord of the iron world; but several things had happened since that time. He was now to a large extent a steel king himself. He had successfully organized the Federal Steel Company. He was a heavy stockholder in the National Tube and the American Bridge Companies. Moreover, his intimacy with Frick had given him a better knowledge and a more favorable impression of the steel men.

Besides, at the present crisis, his own life-work was in danger. For more than thirty years Morgan had been a builder and a peacemaker. He was the most implacable foe of hostility among capitalists. He was the champion of "team play" and "community of interest."

From his point of view, therefore, the exit of Carnegie was a business necessity. Carnegie was preparing to parallel the Pennsylvania Railroad and to compete with the National Tube Company, both

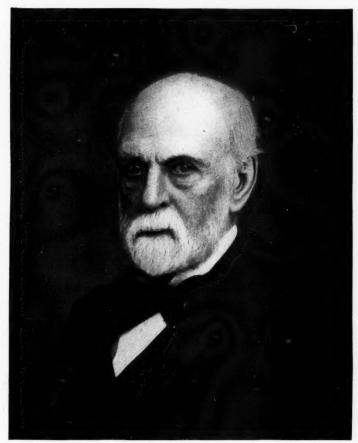
of which were in Morgan's "sphere of influence." To permit such a man to control the steel market was unthinkable.

From a business standpoint, Carnegie was invulnerable. He had his own ore, coal, railroads, steamships, and steelmills. In his commercial and personal interests, he stood entirely outside all associations of capitalists. He enjoyed to the full what his Scottish poet called "the glorious privilege of being independent." It was an amazing feat to win a place absolutely alone in an age of interdependence-when even the nations were clinging one to another for support; but as a factor in the business situation his position was not to be tolerated. The stability and peace of mind of the American financial world demanded that Andrew Carnegie should abdicate his throne.

THE PERSONALITY OF J. P. MORGAN

John Pierpont Morgan was at this time a veteran of sixty-four, the scarred victor of a hundred battles. Through his father—a famous banker, a partner of the great George Peabody—he was descended from Captain Miles Morgan, the gallant soldier who defended Springfield against the Indians in 1675; through his mother he inherited the blood of John Pierpont, the poet, whose

hundred million dollars—perhaps more. Its head was justly regarded as a financial Colossus. In fact, he had become almost more than a man—he was a British-American institution. Many a time he had come to the rescue of Wall Street,



ABRAM S. HEWITT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS AND MAYOR OF NEW YORK, THE ONLY OLD-FASHIONED STEEL-MAKER IN THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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name he bears, and of James Pierpont, the New England clergyman who helped to found Yale, and whose daughter married Jonathan Edwards. Born in Hartford, and schooled in Boston and at the German university of Göttingen, his training as a banker began before he was twenty-one, and every step of his career had been from smaller to greater things. In 1901 the house of Morgan was commonly said to represent eleven

pulled it out of a slough of panic, and replaced it upon the main road of speculation. More than once he had given good-natured assistance to the United States government, and saved it from the fear of penury by purchasing its bonds.

He was a man to whom transactions of ordinary size seemed petty. For any sum of less than seven figures he had little respect. In the previous fifteen years he had reorganized eight rail-



DANIEL G. REID, ONE OF THE NAPOLEONS OF TIN PLATE,
AND A DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL
CORPORATION

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roads, floated an American bond issue of two hundred million dollars and a British war loan of ten million pounds, harmonized the warring coal operators, and converted the Mexican national debt. No man aroused more fear or higher respect in Wall Street. No one was so terribly masterful as he. Like Luther, when he spoke "his words were half battles." To anger him was to brave the rage of an incarnate Bessemer converter. In whatever group he sat, he dominated those around him as if he were the ruler

of a constellation of worlds instead of a mere inhabitant of a single planet.

BUILDING THE GREAT CORPORATION

Morgan rushed at his work like a Titan who had at last found a task worthy of his strength. At first his plan was to combine only four companies-the Carnegie, the Federal Steel, the National Tube, and the American Steel and Wire. But a quick survey of the field showed him that four other companies would be easy to persuade into the confederation-the National Steel, the American Tin Plate. American Steel Hoop, and the American Sheet Steel; while if these concerns were left out, they might offer an inconveniently active competition.

Frick hurried to Pittsburgh and offered about thirty million dollars for the big Jones & Laughlin plant, but was refused. On his return he found that Morgan had been trying to make terms with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for the purchase of the Rockefeller ore mines. The negotiations had come to a standstill. For several days it appeared as if the powerful Standard Oil group would be left outside of the steel combination.

To break the deadlock, Henry H. Rogers suggested that Frick, who is a better

buyer than Morgan, be sent to Rockefeller. This expedient was tried and succeeded completely.

"I gave Rockefeller forty million dollars in preferred stock," said Frick, "and forty millions in common, for his ore. For his ore-carrying fleet I paid him eight and a half millions in cash. We needed the Rockefeller property, for without those rich ore tracts we should have been in a vulnerable position."

In this way the United States Steel Corporation obtained about two-fifths



J. PIERPONT MORGAN, THE FAMOUS AMERICAN FINANCIER WHO PLAYED THE FOREMOST PART IN ORGANIZING THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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JOHN A. DRAKE, OF CHICAGO, ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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of its ore and nearly one-half of its ore fleet.

The speed with which the great structure was built is almost incredible. Schwab had secured Carnegie's selling price in January, 1901, and by February 25 the corporation had taken definite shape. According to its New Jersey charter, its purpose was practically to manage the business of the human race -to own and operate the whole world, with the sole exception of the railroads and canals of New Jersey. Its actual capital was declared to be three thousand dollars, which it had power to increase. Its three nominal incorporators were men who were comparatively unknown. Its life was to be "forever." All this. however, was only the formal and legal way of making a beginning.

On the following day the fog of rumor was dispelled by an official announcement from Mr. Morgan's banking-house. Next came his advertisement for the stock of the smaller shareholders in the companies that were to be absorbed. It was signed by about forty well-known

names. Each one represented millions. Some could speak not for themselves alone, but for whole cities. Among them

J. Pierpont Morgan and his partners, Charles Steele and Robert Bacon.

H. H. Rogers and Daniel O'Day, of the Standard Oil.

Marshall Field, John W. Gates, H. H. Porter, John A. Drake, E. H. Gary, William H. Moore, J. H. Moore, and Norman B. Ream, of Chicago.

P. A. B. Widener and Thomas Dolan,

of Philadelphia.

Samuel Mather, of Cleveland. Nathaniel Thayer, of Boston.

D. O. Mills, Samuel Spencer, William Nelson Cromwell, and A. R. Flower, of New York, with more than a dozen others.

Morgan peremptorily announced that all stock of the companies going into the trust must be in his hands in eighteen days. But the minds of the small stockholders did not work with Morganic swiftness, and he was obliged to give them twelve days longer. By April 2,

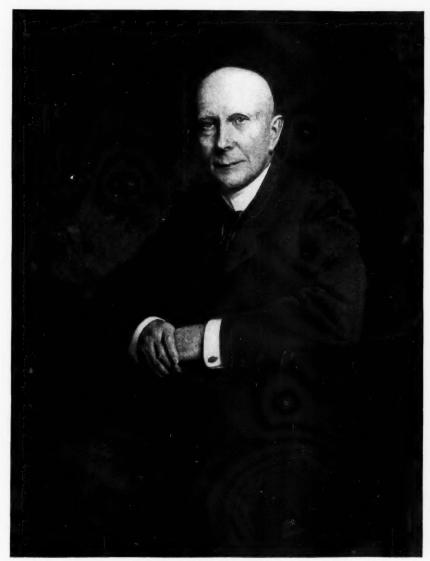


DANIEL O'DAY, A REPRESENTATIVE OF STAND-ARD OIL INTERESTS IN THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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however, Morgan's greatest task was accomplished. The corporation which is his financial masterpiece—by which his reputation will stand or fall-was comseven-per-cent preferred and half common, was being sold to a greedy public.

Seventy per cent of the American iron and steel industry had become organized.

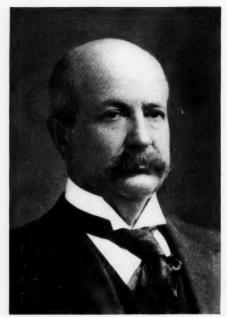


JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, WHO AT THE FORMATION OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPO-RATION RECEIVED NEARLY NINETY MILLION DOLLARS, IN CASH AND STOCK, FOR HIS IRON ORE INTERESTS

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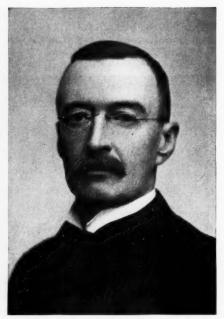
plete. Its capital was fixed at a little More than that, it had become Morganmore than a billion dollars, besides three hundred and sixty-six millions of bonded and mortgage debt. The stock, half

ized; it had been put together on "community of interest" lines. Instead of being cut apart from other branches of



PETER A. B. WIDENER, OF PHILADELPHIA, A DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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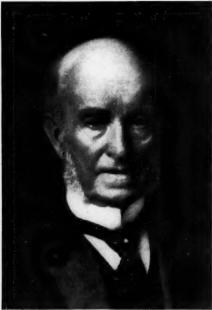
JAMES H. REED, OF PITTSBURGH, A DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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business and dominated by one man, it was now linked to a dozen banks, a score of railroads, and an unknown number of other corporations.

THE MEN IN CHIEF COMMAND

Its officials and directors were not steel-makers. Less than a third of them understood the language of steel. Schwab, a practical steel man, had been made president at the request of Carnegie; but in the management of the corporation, the president ranked, not first, but third. Judge Elbert H.

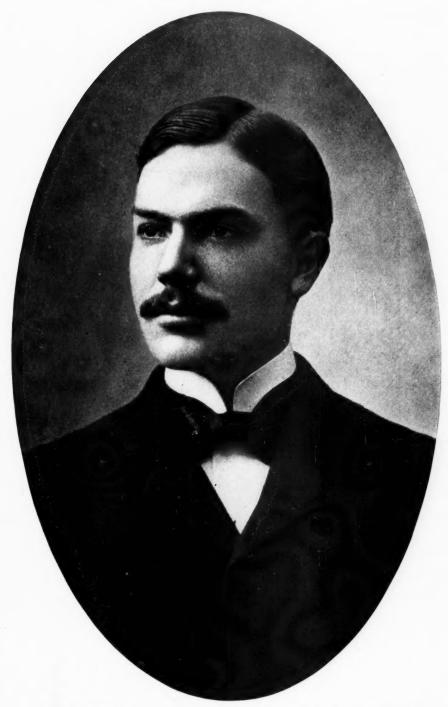


D. O. MILLS, OF NEW YORK, ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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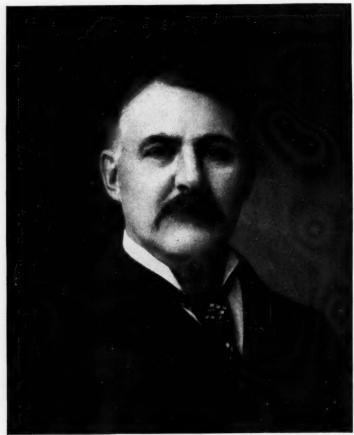
Gary was first, as head of the executive committee; and Robert Bacon -who was succeeded, a little later, by George W. Perkins-was second, as head of the finance committee. Strictly speaking, the president was merely the head of the manufacturing department. Gary was a lawyer, Bacon a banker, Perkins an insurance man.

The United States Steel Corporation was a financial even more than a manufacturing organization. It was first for money and second for steel. This



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., A DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION From his latest photograph

was a new and important development in the evolution of the steel business. On its board of directors was only one steelmaker of the old-fashioned sort, Abram S. Hewitt, and he entered unwillingly. To his mind a billion-dollar corporation ty-eight, the oldest being fifty-five and the youngest, Charles M. Schwab, thirtynine. For their services in managing the immense corporation, Schwab and Gary drew salaries of a hundred thousand dollars apiece. Perkins received nothing.



NORMAN B. REAM, THE CHICAGO CAPITALIST, WHO WAS LARGELY INTERESTED IN THE FEDERAL STEEL COMPANY AND IS NOW A DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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was a dangerous innovation. The modern steel-maker was typified in H. C. Frick; the others were men who had evolved into financiers from all sorts of beginnings.

More than half of the officials and directors were self-made men. The three who stood foremost-Gary, Perkins, and Schwab-had climbed from the ladder's lowest rung. They were young men. The average age of the officials was for"Mr. Morgan would not permit him

to get a salary," said Judge Gary.

It has often been stated that Morgan himself received a huge fee for his successful work in effecting the consolidation. As a matter of fact, he received no direct payment whatever. He held a onefifth interest in a syndicate that floated two hundred millions of the company's securities, and his total profits were less than three millions. "High pay for a few months' work," the outsider may say; but he should remember the magnitude of the achievement and the vast responsibilities that Morgan had to bear—and still bears, to a great extent, so closely does the public identify him with the

years a statue of J. Pierpont Morgan will be placed in some public square, to mark the general appreciation of his wonderful organizing ability."

In the consolidation of businesses it has been found that the services of a



ISAAC L. ELLWOOD, OF DE KALB, ILLINOIS, A PIONEER OF THE BARBED-WIRE INDUSTRY, AND A LEADING FIGURE IN THE AMERICAN STEEL AND WIRE COMPANY

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fortunes of his greatest financial creation.

"Morgan was big and fair and square," says Schwab.

"No man, no number of men, outside of Mr. Morgan, could have formed the United States Steel Corporation at that time," declared Judge Gary.

Another New York financier, in an outburst of enthusiasm, exclaimed:

"I believe that in the next twenty

company-promoter are indispensable. A business man naturally dislikes to sell to his competitor. He prefers to deal with an outsider.

"Every manufacturer imagines that his plant is better located and better managed than his neighbor's," says W. H. Moore, who is, next to Morgan, the most successful consolidator in the steel industry. Whether Morgan's reward was fair or exorbitant can best be told

by making a closer examination of the work which he performed.

AN IMPRESSIVE NAVAL REVIEW

To escape from its bewildering statistics, let us imagine that the United States Steel Corporation is a combina-



FRANCIS LYNDE STETSON, THE WELL-KNOWN NEW YORK LAWYER, GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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tion of the navies of the world. Let us suppose that we are standing upon some lofty promontory where we can see the mighty fleet pass in review before us. It consists of two hundred and thirteen squadrons, some with few vessels and some with many. After years of warfare, these squadrons were organized into eight powerful navies; and now, finding that it is better to combine than to compete, they have decided to come together under one admiral and one flag.

Leading the way come the Carnegie war-ships, the most formidable steel navy in the world. Admiral Schwab stands on the deck of his flag-ship Homestead, and on either side steam the battlescarred leviathans Duquesne and Edgar Thomson. It was this Edgar Thomson which, twenty years ago, defeated the proud champions of Great Britain and established American supremacy. One of these towering vessels is forty-three

years old; but every one of them is in first-class fighting trim. There are no hulks, no slow or unseaworthy craft, and there are forty-five thousand men behind the guns. The pay-roll of this one fleet is fifteen million dollars a year. It is practically thirty fleets under one control. On the deck of the Edgar Thomson is a tiny figure which can scarcely be distinguished with a strong field-glass. That little man, you are told, is Andrew Carnegie, the owner of the fleet.

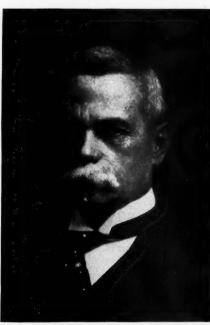
Next comes the Federal Steel navy, commanded by Admiral Elbert H. Gary. The first vessel of this fleet was launched in 1857, at Detroit, by Captain Ward. In its day it had no superior, and in 1901 it is still one of the largest afloat. equipment is not strictly firstclass, but it carries a vast amount of ammunition. older vessels have weathered many a storm and passed through many a battle. Since Captain Ward, no one individual has been masterful enough to bring it under his personal control, and there have been

many wrangles among its owners. More than a few have been made to walk the plank; but it is a strong aggregation of five large fleets, manned by twenty thousand men, and with a pay-roll of six million dollars a year.

And now, in striking contrast to the rusty, time-worn war-ships of the Federal Steel navy, come the American Steel and Wire vessels, a hundred and twenty-six in all. Here and there among them is a veteran. The Schoenberger, of Pittsburgh, for instance, has been outliving the winds and the waves for seventy-seven years. But most of the ships are gay with

fresh paint. Flags are flying, bands are playing, and all is spick and span. In a steam-yacht ahead rides Admiral John Warne Gates—too reckless a sailor, some say, but certainly a dashing and dangerous adversary. Two years ago he gathered his ships together from all parts of the ocean, hoisted the Gates banner, and set out for gain and glory.

Another twoyear-old fleet follows—the American Tin Plate. Its ships are noticeably smaller, but more numerous.



SAMUEL SPENCER, THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY MAGNATE, ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

It is an aggregation of thirty-eight squadrons, with two hundred and seventy-eight vessels in all. Its admiral, Daniel G. Reid, like most of the others, began as a cabin-boy and worked his way up. Only a few of these ships are more than eight years old; yet they have already met and defeated the Welsh tin-plate navy, which had been regarded as invincible.

Next the National Tube, a thirty-vessel fleet, with Admiral William B. Schiller in command, steams



ROBERT BACON, NOW ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF STATE, THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE, OF THE UNITED
STATES STEEL CORPORATION



CHARLES STEELE, A PARTNER IN THE FIRM
OF J. P. MORGAN & COMPANY AND A
DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES
STEEL CORPORATION



GEORGE W. PERKINS, A PARTNER IN THE FIRM OF J. P. MORGAN & COMPANY, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

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past. Most of the ships are old, but they have recently been painted, and make a good showing. It was upon this fleet that Carnegie was about to make such a fierce onslaught when Morgan, the peacemaker, interfered.

The sixth fleet flies the well-known Rockefeller flag. It was picked up, here a vessel and there a vessel, by its dreaded commander. It cost him little, but he is selling it for something like fifty million dollars.

In the rear come two smaller fleets—the National Steel and the Steel Hoop. Both have been hastily built, and are newly painted to cover their defects. Two years later they will be disbanded and merged with the big Carnegie navy.

As if this immense aggregation were not enough, four other large squadrons are soon to be added—the American Bridge, in which was Carnegie's old warship, the Keystone, the Clairton Steel, the Union Steel, and the Shelby Steel Tube.

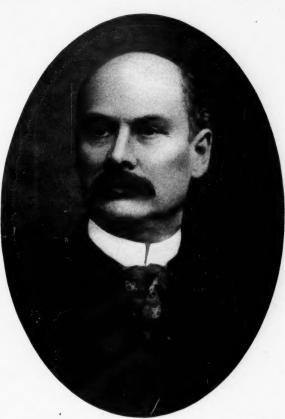
It is now Morgan's herculean task to federate these proud and jealous fleets, so that there shall be no mutiny, no breaking away, no survival of old-time preju-

dices. He will be the center of a clamoring mob of owners and captains. He must know the record and present condition of every fleet. He must winnow his facts from a mass of exaggerations and misstatements. He must choose officers who will command the obedience of these newly reconciled antagonists. He must give the vast combination a new name and a new flag, for which its two hundred thousand officers and men will be willing to fight as loyally and successfully as they have fought on their own account. Such was the work which

lay before Morgan in the first year of the new century.

STEEL CORPORATION STATISTICS

And now, for the practical people who



ELBERT H. GARY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (FORMERLY CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)
OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

From a photograph by Gessford, New York

love facts and figures, here is a feast of statistics. In the long history of commerce, where has there been a corporation with possessions like these?

The United States Steel Corporation owns as much land as is contained in the three States of Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island.

It employs one hundred and eighty thousand workmen—more than the combined armies of Meade and Lee at Gettysburg.

More than a million of the American people—as many as the population of



WILLIAM E. COREY, WHO IN IGO3 SUCCEEDED CHARLES M. SCHWAB AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

STEEL CORPORATION

From a photograph by Patton, Pittsburgh

Nebraska or Connecticut—depend upon it for a livelihood.

Last year it paid out in wages one hundred and twenty-eight million dollars—more than the United States pays for its army or for its navy. "Our workmen have a first mortgage on United States Steel," said Charles M. Schwab.

It owns and operates a railroad trackage that would reach from New York to Galveston, or from Paris to Constantinople. It possesses thirty thousand cars and seven hundred locomotives.

It has nineteen ports and owns a fleet of one hundred large ore-ships. This is the most numerous of all American fleets under a single ownership. It is the sixth largest commercial fleet in the world, and from the point of view of industrial efficiency, it is perhaps unequaled in any country.

It has ninety-three blast furnaces, nearly all of them running day and night, and it makes forty-four per cent of the pig iron of the United States.

From its fifty great mines it produces one-sixth of all the iron ore in the world. In one year it heaps up a mountain of more than sixteen million tons of red ore.

It makes three-fifths of our Bessemer and openhearth steel, two-thirds of the steel rails, two-thirds of the wire rods, three-fifths of the steel beams, tenelevenths of the wire, and nearly all of the wire nails, wire fencing, steel tubing, tin plate, and steel bridges produced in the United States.

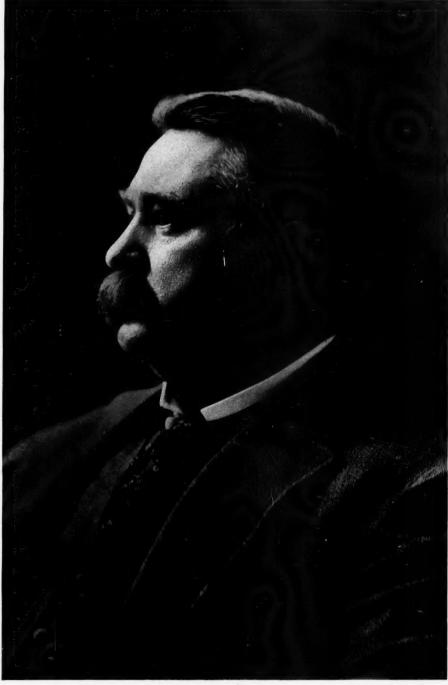
It makes more steel than either Great Britain or Germany, and one-quarter of the total amount made in all the countries of the world.

To feed its ceaseless fires, it burns in a single year ten million tons of coal, eleven million tons of coke, and fifteen billion cubic feet of natural gas. Its supply of fuel will last for sixty years.

It can make anything in steel from a carpet-tack to steel rails, from a tin can to armor-plate, from a wire nail to an Eiffel Tower.

Its iron-works and steel-works are mainly in Pittsburgh and twenty-five smaller "steel cities" within a hundred miles' distance; but it also owns large plants in Chicago, Joliet, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Muncie, Elmira, Philadelphia, Troy, Hartford, Worcester, and elsewhere. It is about to create a new industrial center at the southern end of Lake Michigan. Its ore is mainly in Minnesota. Its headquarters are in New York, though as a New Jersey corporation it maintains a nominal "general office" in Hoboken.

If it had been organized in Pennsylvania, its first fee would have been fourteen hundred thousand dollars, and its yearly tax more than five millions; but being organized in New Jersey, its charter fee was a mere two hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Even this com-

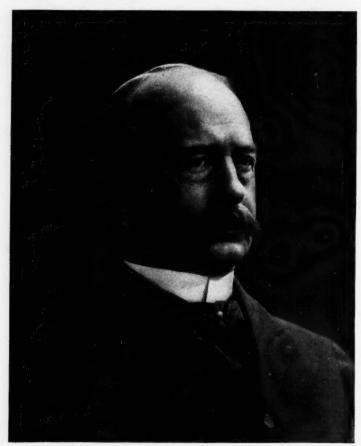


JOHN W. GATES, THE WESTERN CAPITALIST AND SPECULATOR, ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE AND INFLUENTIAL FIGURES AMONG THE ORGANIZERS OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION

From a photograph by Falk. New York

parative trifle was more than the fortune spent by Baron Peter Hasenclever in founding New Jersey's iron business. Its annual tax to the State—another trifle of sixty odd thousand dollars—is more than three times the cost of the famous Lynn iron-works, built in 1645. And not even this stupendous total expresses the full power of this industrial empire. Behind it stood Morgan, Rockefeller, and Carnegie, representing about two billion dollars of well-handled and aggressive capital.

Public approval would have been too



JUDGE JAMES B. DILL, THE WELL-KNOWN CORPORATION LAWYER, WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF RIVAL STEEL INTERESTS

From a photograph by Brady, Orange

Its total responsibilities, as expressed in stocks and bonds, were as follows, at the date of its first annual report:

Total\$1,384,681,297

shallow to float the United States Steel Corporation, had it been launched four years earlier. It would have been regarded as a utopian scheme, no less unworkable than the federating of the European monarchies into a continent of republics. But in 1896 and 1897 there began an unprecedented era of industrial speculation. From 1896 to 1904 twelve thousand new companies were

registered in New Jersey alone. One hundred and forty-nine of these, formed within three years, had a total capitalization of nearly four billions. In 1901 it was estimated that one-seventh of the manufacturing industries of the United States had been organized as stock companies, and that about four billion dollars' worth of their stock had been bought by the public. On January 7, of that year, two million shares were sold on the New York stock exchange, for the first time in the history of the institution. The price of a seat jumped from thirty-five thousand dollars in the summer of 1900 to seventy-one thousand in May of the following year. Later it rose still higher, and a leading cause of the advance was the buying and selling of Steel stock. It is fair to say that the United States Steel Corporation added at least twenty-five thousand dollars to the value of each of the eleven hundred seats on the exchange.

Since 1899, when a train-load of New York financiers went to Pittsburgh, on the invitation of Frick, to see the armorplate vaults of the Union Trust Company, the wealth of the Smoky City had been better appreciated by Eastern in-Financial editors pointed out that the value of our iron and steel exports alone in 1900 was almost a hundred and thirty million dollars. Some prophesied that the common stock of the new company would pay twelve per cent. "This United States Steel Corporation can't possibly fail," said the Wall Street men. "It means unity, cooperation, assured profit."

WALL STREET AND STEEL STOCK

Nevertheless, when the stock came to the stern test of the market, the price it brought proved that somewhat less optimistic views prevailed. That enterprising body of outdoor speculators, the "curb," turned its attention to the great new corporation as soon as its formation was definitely announced, quite undeterred by so trifling an obstacle as the fact that its securities were not yet in existence. The first sales, on February 26, were at 39 for the common and 84 for the preferred. On March 28, when the stocks were listed on the exchange itself, the ruling prices were higher, clos-

ing at 445% and 94. The trading was on an enormous scale, the number of shares that changed hands being as follows:

]	N	Iarch 28.	March 29.
Common									128,700	147,200
Preferred									112,200	117,900

But this was only a beginning. In the following week the sales reached much larger figures:

	April 1.	April 2.
Common	 275,600	212,300
Preferred		107,200

Prices, too, continued to rise, closing on April 2 at 49 for the common and 967/8 for the preferred. Nor was this the limit. The sight of a great "bull" movement thus fairly under way drew the eager public into the market, and the swelling tide of speculation surged higher and higher. On April 29, six hundred thousand shares of Steel stock were bought and sold; and even this enormous trading was outdone on the 30th, when all stock-exchange records were broken, the total sales for the five hours of business being more than three million shares, almost a quarter of them United States Steel securities. At the close of that delirious day "Steel common" stood at 537/8, "Steel preferred"

But the speculative high-water mark had been reached. Nine days later there came a slump that was still more striking and sensational than the boom. warfare of two rival groups of capitalists culminated in the most remarkable "corner" in the history of Wall Street. The bone of contention was the control of Northern Pacific. The stock of that railroad had never sold at par until three weeks before; but on May 9 the bidding for it was so frantic that it leaped up to fabulous figures, one lot selling at a thousand dollars a share. The result was panic-sudden, swift, and disastrous. It was whispered that no mercy would be shown to the victims of the "corner." Those who were "short" of Northern Pacific saw bankruptcy yawning before them. Brokers began to throw over their other holdings to save themselves from ruin. As the alarm spread, and as prices went tumbling, no man knew where he stood. United States Steel dropped to

24 and 69, almost cutting the value of the shares in half, and "wiping out" a countless host of speculators.

A STEP TOWARD PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

When the panic had run its brief course, Steel stock rose easily to 42 and 891/2 at the close of the day's business, and on May 10 it recovered still further, to 45 and 933/4. Although it was only six weeks old, the young giant had weathered the storm. Indeed, it stood on much too solid a basis to be overthrown by a Wall Street incident. Twothirds of the American iron and steel trade had been welded together. A destructive industrial war had been prevented. A bloodless revolution had The most profitable busitaken place. ness in the United States had been withdrawn from the few and given to the many. The Steel stock was now held by some forty thousand people-a number which afterward increased to eighty thousand. A little more, and Morgan would have pushed the steel business forward into public ownership.

"It was the longest step ever taken in the direction of socialism," said the president of one of the constituent com-

panies to the writer.

"I'll give you a name for your 'Romance of Steel," said George W. Perkins, on the first occasion when I asked him for information. "You ought to call it 'How the People of the United States Bought the Steel Business.' What is the essential difference," continued Mr. Perkins, "between the United States Steel Corporation, as it was organized by Mr. Morgan, and a Department of Steel, as it might have been organized by the government? Suppose Lyman J. Gage, instead of Mr. Morgan, had consolidated the steel business. Wouldn't he have had to buy out the owners? To do this, wouldn't he have had to issue bonds? And wouldn't a limited number of investors have bought the bonds? Is it not also true that the United States Steel Corporation has abolished the secrecy which covers the ordinary private company? Does it not issue public reports of its progress, of its gains or its losses, just as if it were a department of the government? Mr. Morgan unified the American steel business, but he distributed the power of ownership. He stepped in and averted the threatened danger of one-man power. He transferred the authority from a few hundreds to tens of thousands."

Others at the time declared that the great corporation was in itself a govern-

ment

"What is it but a federal government?" said Sir Gilbert Parker. "It has its laws, its consuls in foreign countries, its departments, and so forth."

On the whole, the new company was received with approval by the American public. It could point, in self-justification, to the telling fact that the steel prices of 1901 were lower than those of 1900. From its own standpoint, the advantages of the new plan were summed up as follows by President Schwab:

(1) One New York office instead of

ten or more.

(2) Better handling of ore-ships.

(3) A better arrangement of work, so that each plant could make what best suited it.

- (4) Friendly rivalry between different plants, through the constant comparison of their work.
- (5) Fewer, better-paid, and betterskilled specialists.
- (6) The establishing of a clearinghouse for trade information.
- (7) Saving of freight charges, as Pittsburgh could now make steel for the East, Chicago for the West, Lorain for the lake cities, and Youngstown for the Middle States.

In every department the best men were kept and the superfluous ones were let go. The American Steel and Wire Company, for instance, kept only eighteen out of three hundred traveling salesmen. The foreign business was handled from one London office, under Carnegie's man, Millard Hunsicker. Everything on a large scale, by high-speed specialists and the best machinery—this was the plan originated by Carnegie and carried further by Morgan. This was how the millionaires were made.

THE QUESTION OF OVER-CAPITALIZATION

Before the United States Steel Corporation was organized, it had been announced that "there will be no issuing of new securities—only a consolidation

of existing securities for the sake of harmonious action." But when Morgan came to make his bargains with the steel men, their demands soared so high that he was compelled to pile million upon million. He paid exorbitant prices for the plants. Everybody knew it. Morgan himself knew it. But he knew that the stock would shake down to its level, and that the job had to be done, whether it cost much or little. The corporation's officials admit that the capitalization was excessive; but they maintain that the plant is steadily increasing in value, and that it is able to pay dividends upon the entire amount.

All Pittsburgh believed that Morgan paid too much to Carnegie. Wall Street, which considers profits rather than plants, had a different opinion. It approved of paying a sum equal to twenty-five millions a year for a concern which was making forty. As for the other constituent companies, they were over-capitalized from every point of view. Half of their stock was water, and Morgan was obliged to add seventy-four millions to their inflation.

When one of the smaller steel corporations was being formed, it is said that a party of convivial steel men were on their way to Chicago one night, after a buying tour.

"There's a small steel-mill at the next station," said one. "Let's get out and buy it."

The wine had been passing freely, and it was midnight; but they agreed. In an hour or so they were pounding on the door of the owner of the steel-works.

"Come out and sell us your plant," they shouted.

"My property is worth two hundred thousand," he said; "but it is not for sale."

"Never mind about the price," said the hilarious promoters. "We'll give you three hundred thousand—five hundred thousand!"

The owner surrendered. It was the first time that half a million had come hammering on his door at midnight. He sold his plant. The buyers transferred it to their corporation at twice what it had cost them, taking their pay in watered stock; the—so the picturesque narrative concludes—the corporation

raised its price and sold it to Morgan. This story may be exaggerated, but it illustrates the way in which corporations become top-heavy with fiat capital.

No one knew what the United States Steel Corporation was actually worth. There were so many factors to consider that it would have been a colossal task for a board of experts to fix an amount. From six different standpoints, its value might be roughly stated as follows:

- (1) Net earnings in 1901, capitalized at six per cent. \$1,800,000,000
- (2) Net earnings in 1901, capitalized at ten per cent. 1,080,000,000 (3) Book estimates...... 1,229,000,000
- (4) Expert opinion in 1901. 673,000,000 (5) Wall Street value in 1901, taking common stock at 50
- and preferred at par..... 764,000,000
 (6) Estimate by the Industrial Commission..... 559,000,000

The average of these six estimates would work out at \$1,017,000,000.

If the entire plant of the corporation could have been replaced, which is now impossible so far as ore, coke, and mill-sites are concerned, the cost of duplicating it would have been about one half of its capitalization. But taking it as a going concern, with all its advantages of ore, coke, location, and management, there seemed fairly good reason to believe that its securities were worth their full nominal price.

The corporation began its career handicapped by a lack of ready money in the treasury, by the heavy cost of organization, and by a burden of fiftyfour millions of fixed charges. At several points it was not wisely officered. There were two or three smoldering feuds among the steel men which had to be repressed. The corporation needed, therefore, four or five years of experience to remedy its defects and to grow When Morgan was contogether. structing it, he had his eye focused upon the middle of the twentieth century rather than upon its beginning.

THE STEEL KINGS FROM CHICAGO

We have already seen what effect this Morganization of the steel business had upon the fortunes of Carnegie and his brood of forty young millionaires. They represented Pittsburgh's share of gain and glory. The Chicago money-getters

belonged mainly to the Moore and Gates groups, two distinguished exceptions being Norman B. Ream, a veteran speculator, and the late Marshall Field, who stood ready to invest a few of his many millions in any promising enterprise. Both of these Western groups were of the speculative and financiering species. Not one of their members was a practical steel-maker. In this respect they contrasted vividly with the Carnegians, who knew every foot of a steel-mill, but who were the most innocent and lamb-like novices in Wall Street affairs.

The most conspicuous Chicagoan was John Warne Gates. It was he, in fact, who first suggested a billion-dollar steel corporation, two years before Morgan became the steel king of the world. No career had been more strenuous Life was to him a givethan his. and-take battle for high stakes. He was a financier who carried into business all the sporting instincts of the betting-ring. He was a new type among the steel men, not at all like Carnegie, who had never bought a share of stock through Wall Street. And he was still less like the old "fathers" of Pittsburgh, who believed that every steel-maker should live under the smoke of his own mill.

JOHN W. GATES, THE WIRE KING

As a boy, Gates grew up on an Illinois farm. He was energetic and precocious. Two years before he became a voter he had fallen in love with an Illinois girl, and married her. At that time he was "Johnny" Gates, the manager of a little hardware store in

a farming village.

Now there was in De Kalb, Illinois, a man named Isaac Ellwood, who was trying to sell a new commodity called barbed wire. At his wife's suggestion, Ellwood had bought the right to make this wire from a Missouri blacksmith. His trouble, he found, was not in making barbed wire, but in selling it It was a novelty, and cattlemen considered it too flimsy to be of any use. At this juncture Ellwood met Gates, was struck with the young man's geniality and readiness of speech, and sent him out to sell barbed wire in Texas on a salary of twenty-five dollars a week.

This Texas trip made Gates. It also

made barbed wire. The Texas cattlemen had never seen barbed wire before, and they ridiculed it.

"That stuff wouldn't hold a Texas steer a holy minute," said they.

Gates was put on his mettle. "I'll show you whether it will or not," said he.

This was in the picturesque town of San Antonio, which is dotted liberally with small open spaces, or plazas. Gates hired the nearest plaza, and got together a drove of twenty-five of the wildest Texas steers that could be found. Then he fenced his plaza with barbed wire, put the steers inside, and gave the cattlemen a free show. The steers charged the wire, and were pricked by the barbs. They shook their heads and charged again, with the same result. After two or three of these defeats they huddled together on the inside and tried to think it over. Gates sold hundreds of miles of his wire that day at eighteen cents a pound.

In a few years he had a barbed-wire factory of his own. One day his factory burned down. Fifteen minutes after his foreman had reported that it was totally wrecked, he had entered into partnership with William Edenborn, and was filling orders as usual. Six years later he made his first large sum of money, a hundred thousand dollars, by a big sale of English steel. Every dollar that he could lay his hands on went into wire. No one at that time saw as clearly as he that wire was henceforth to be the nerve of civilization, as steam and electricity were to be its muscle and steel its bone.

In 1892 he merged several large wire companies and became the wire king of America; and since then millions have been his units. Three years afterward he was the president of the Illinois Steel Company, which in 1898 was enlarged into the two-hundred-million-dollar Federal Steel Company. No one except Carnegie stood above him in the steel trade. During the previous year he was said to have cleared twelve million dollars in Wall Street, in connection with his American Steel and Wire Company; and from that time the lure of the ticker has drawn him into many speculations.

Gates is an extreme type of the American "hustler." Like most steel men, he

is short in stature, and as energetic as a cyclone. He is a stanch friend and a first-class enemy. He believes in American business as a Saint Gaudens believes in art—as an Edison believes in electricity. He is an organizer, a promoter, a boomer-a "bull," as Wall Street would say.

Gates is a good maker and a good spender of money. It is a fact, not generally known, that he has an unusually fine picture gallery in his New York This gallery contains two apartments. specially notable groups. One is a fine collection of those quiet landscapes in which Corot, Rousseau, Daubigny, and their colleagues embodied the soul of the Barbizon woods and fields; the other is a group of the stately English ladies of a century ago who were immortalized by Reynolds, Romney, Gainsborough, Hoppner, and Lawrence. Beyond these, his taste seems to range widely, from Rembrandt and Rubens to such moderns as the German Grützner, the Italian Asti, and the American Van Boskerck.

Unlike several other steel barons, who rose to power on the backs of their friends. Gates, as he battled and buffeted his way to the front, always made a path wide enough for his chums as well as for The Gates coterie includes himself. John A. Drake, William Edenborn, John Lambert, Alfred Clifford, and Isaac L. Ellwood. No association of capitalists plays the game of finance with more dash and enthusiasm. They are free lances, ready for a tilt with the biggest men in the field. Their capital is scattered in all manner of enterprises. It was the Gates group, for instance, that gave New York its Luna Park and its Hippodrome.

THE NAPOLEONS OF TIN PLATE

There were four in the Moore or Rock Island group-all dashing knights of the dollar-whose adventures would read like the voyages of Sindbad the Sailor. They were D. G. Reid, W. B. Leeds, and the Moore brothers. The latter have been mentioned before. As for Reid and Leeds, they have been Damon and Pythias since childhood. Both were born about forty-eight years ago in Richmond, Indiana, which was then a farming town of five or six thousand inhabi-

tants. Dan Reid lived on a farm, Billy Leeds in the town. Dan began his business career by sweeping out a bank, working up, after a while, to be its president. Billy began as a rodman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and climbed to the position of branch superintendent. As soon as the thirty-dollar-a-ton duty was placed on tin plate, in 1891, the two young men swooped down upon the feeble little tin-making plants that had been fighting bankruptcy for twenty years, and swept them all together into a Tin Plate Trust before they had time to

find out what was happening.

Tin plate is one of the youngest branches of the steel trade. There was a small plant at Leechburg as far back as 1872; but it was impossible to compete with Wales and make a fair profit. No tariff was levied on tin, because its importers were influential in politics, and because it was generally supposed that the making of it was a Welsh secret. Reid and Leeds resolved to make the experiment on a large scale. The day after the McKinley tariff bill was signed, they ordered tin-making machinery—a quarter of a million dollars' worthfrom Wales. A body of Welshmen came with the machinery; but they failed to make the new plant a success. Reid and Leeds were not millionaires, and it was a cruel setback.

Then came the Presidential campaign of 1892. Tin plate was a national issue. Workmen paraded in Pittsburgh, wearing tin caps. Democrats claimed that campaign money was being used to start tin-plate works. The whole industry was thrown into the political caldron. But the two young Indianians never weak-They adapted their machinery to ened. American raw material; they set inventors to work; and in the end they remade the industry on American lines.

Within six years they had combined two hundred and seventy-eight mills into a fifty-million-dollar corporation. machinery was improved to such an extent that to-day the Welsh tin-maker cango to school in Monessen, Newcastle, and Vandergrift. Reid and Leeds, like Morgan, paid enormous prices for independent plants; but they took long views of the tin-plate business, and came out worth probably forty millions apiece.

They and the Moores received from Morgan one hundred and forty million dollars in Steel stock when the big corporation was formed. They at once bought control of the Rock Island Railroad, and have since been known as the Rock Island group.

THE NEW TRIUMVIRATE OF STEEL

As to the three men whom Morgan placed in control of the United States Steel Corporation-Judge E. H. Gary, George W. Perkins, and Charles M. Schwab-all were representative of larger interests. Gary had been born and bred in an Illinois farming town, which contained half as many people as the skyscraper where he now has his office. He was first clerk of the little local court, then mayor, then a lawyer whose business grew until it came to the notice of the Chicago steel kings. In a short time he was in demand through his skill in managing big deals. In appearance and manner Gary resembles a Methodist bishop-benign, suave, cordial, earnest. He is a man of sense, not genius -of diplomacy, not bluntness.

While Gary represented the Morgan interests from the Chicago side, George W. Perkins represented the Morgan interests from the New York side. Perkins, too, was a man who owed little to any one but himself. He began with a broom in a Chicago office; then he budded into business life as an insurance agent. From an agent he became an organizer of agents. His remarkable success in this work carried him to one of the highest rungs of the insurance ladder, from which he stepped across into a

partnership with Morgan.

In many respects there is a marked contrast between Perkins and his formidable partner. His forte is in dealing with men, rather than money. He is almost too companionable, too fluent, too many-sided, for a financier. His adaptability and his rapid-fire brain give him the equipment of a journalist or a states-When he took his place at the head of the Finance Committee of the steel combine, it was his first appearance as a steel magnate. To his vision there loomed up an immense opportunity for making a gigantic organization of men who would work together for a common interest in the greatest of all industrial enterprises. Neither he nor Gary knew steel as a metal. To them it was a stock

—a purely financial entity.

Such were the prize-winners in the strenuous competition of steel kings. They deserve most of the credit for consolidating the American iron industry, but not all. No one individual, no one event, no one tendency, created the immense industrial empire which we know by the name of the United States Steel Corporation. It stands as the finished product of a hundred years of invention, enterprise, and progress. In its strength and in its weakness, in what is stable and what is speculative, it is typical of the civilization from which it sprang.

It was even more than a national production; it was an assembling of men and ideas from all the civilized countries of the world. There went to its making the mechanical skill of the English, the dexterity of the Welsh, the tenacity of the Scots, and the learning of the Germans, welded together by the enterprise and organizing genius of Americans.

As the main roots of a towering tree are nourished by thousands of tiny feeders-as the largest tributaries of a broad river are sustained by innumerable trickling streams, so there stand behind this vast industrial structure the tiny efforts of countless men and women. That which we see and know is only the final result; it is only the crest of a huge coral reef whose base lies deep beneath oblivion's sea. And so, while the profit and the glory of this long evolutionary process may go to a few individuals, endowing them with the power and prestige of kings, those who have followed this story of steel from its romantic beginning to the present will understand that our steel business is, as truly as our literature or our ethics, a product of the human

EDITOR'S NOTE-Next month's article, the eighth of the present series, will give the eventful five years' history of the United States Steel Corporation. It will deal with the remarkable fluctuations in the market value of the great company's stock, with the present condition of the industrial empire over which it rules, and with its prospect of maintaining its dominant position.

STORIETTES

A Man's A Man

"No, the coolest duck I ever saw was not a member of the department, an' there's plenty of 'em here that's got trappé blood in their veins at that."

Rooney jerked his feet down from the billiard-table and looked angrily toward the corner where Bogan and Reilly were squabbling vociferously over their eternal cribbage.

"Let's get out of this crazy-house," he snorted disgustedly. "Come on down by the door where it's cooler and quieter, an' I'll tell you about him."

On the sidewalk in front of Sixty-Eight's house, with our chairs tilted comfortably against the wall, Rooney pulled up his shirt-sleeves and began in earnest

"'Twas the time of that four-alarm up to the university, when old West—an' a fine fire-trap she was, too—went up in smoke, an' the roof caved in an' took the three top floors with it, to say nothin' of Hennessey of Sixty-Eight an' two probationers of Twenty-Seven who went down in the mess, God rest their souls!

"I'd just got up to the top of the second flight of stairs when it came. 'Twas a couple of cracks an' a boom an' a rumble; an' when the dust was out of my eyes I saw I was standin' on the edge of where the stairs had been in a little hive of a place not ten feet square which the jam of the wreckage had left. In front of me was a bit of wall with a door in it, an' above me an' on both sides of me an' behind me, where Hennessey an' the probationers had been trailin' me up the stairs, was a tangle of broken beams an' crumpled plaster an' some gilt stuff that I knew had been on the cupola.

"I stood there for a minute, tremblin' all over me. When my wits came back I began hollerin' their names, though I never expected an answer any more than I ever got one. Then I heard the flames cracklin' hard by, an' saw little red darts

through the cracks in the jammed timbers.

"'Thank God for the door,' says I to myself, an' I noticed that it swung t'other way from me.

"I had been headed for the roof to open smoke-vents when the crash came, an' I had the ax in my hands. One swing of it on the lock an' the door flew inward-an' there before me was a wee bit of a closet, black as night except for a red lantern that was burnin' on a bench. As the door burst in, it hit up against a big man who was bendin' over some trays near the red light. It sent him staggerin' against the wall, but he straightened up immediate an' jumped for me, madder'n a hornet. I was too surprised to find a livin' man in that hole to do anything but stand an' stare at him with my mouth hangin' open; which explains, perhaps, how he came to get me by the collar, yank me into that closet of his, an' bang the door shut with his foot before I could find my tongue.

"'What d'you mean, you fourteen different kinds of a blockhead,' he yells, bustin' in the door in the execrated fashion you done? Who are you? If you've not spoilt my negatives by lettin' in light on 'em, 'tis no fault of yours!'

"He still had me by the collar, an' each sentence he punctuated by a backward push an' emphasized by a forward ierk

"'Get your hands off of me, an' get out of here quick!' I gasps, half choked by the strenuosity of him. 'The buildin's afire an' the roof's caved in!'

"He let go my collar an' put a hand behind his ear.

"'Hey? What's that?' he says. 'Speak louder, can't you? I'm extremely deaf.'

"'The buildin's a roarin' furnace an' the roof's caved in, you darn fool!' I roars at him, for I was hot from the reception he give me.

"'You don't say!' says he, calm as you please. 'If that's the case, I may

as well pick up my negatives an' transfer my base of operations, as it were.'

"'Look here,' I yells, 'don't be so sure about your transfer. If we get out at all, which strikes me as doubtful, we've got to cut our way out through this stall of yours. The roof's down an' all three floors above us, an' the stairs are jammed with the wreck. Which wall will we begin on? Think quick now, for there's no time for mistakes!'

"He pointed his finger to the wall be-

fore him.

"'This is the only one that's any use to us,' says he. 'It gives into a laboratory that has windows on the yard. Can't you wait till I finish this negative?'

"'We got to cut through somewhere else besides there,' says I. 'The wreckage is all piled down on this side of us as well as on the door side. Where can we get to through either of these other two walls?'

"'Nowhere,' he chirps, cheerful like. 'Wait till I show you.' He covered up his trays with a black cloth, an' took the lamp out of his red lantern; an' by its light I saw the walls were of brick. 'This room is in the angle of the old original building,' he says, 'an' this wall here'—tapping the one opposite the bench—'was left up when the new wing was added. Can't we cut our way out through the hall somehow?'

"My heart was down in my boots, but I wasn't goin' to let on to him. 'We can

try,' says I.

"'Come on, then,' says he, an' we opened the door an' went out into the little open space that was clear before it. 'Twas gettin' hot out there. You could hear the flames roarin' louder every minute, an' the smoke began comin' down on us in chokin' puffs. He gave a quick glance around.

"'This is the place,' he shouts; 'through here'—an' he pointed to the right of the door. 'If we can get through the débris we ought to find a door through the brick wall to the new wing. Perhaps the roof ain't down in the

new wing yet.'

"He grabbed the ax an' chopped like mad for a few minutes, an' then he turned

"'I'll tell you,' he sings out, 'you chop till you're tired an' then call me.

Meanwhile I'll go back an' finish my work on them negatives. They're of the moons of Jupiter, an' I'm mighty anxions to know how they're going to turn out. Go ahead!'

"I'm hanged if he didn't go into that dark room as if nothin' unusual was happenin'. I grabbed the ax an' struck in, useless as it seemed. Bimeby he sticks his head out the door an' calls out, as if there was nothin' particular worryin' him:

"' How they comin', pardner?'

"'All over but the cheerin',' I yells back. 'We're caught like rats in a trap. We're done for, all right.' An' then what it all meant came over me, an' I threw down the ax. 'We're done for,' I says again. 'My God—done for!'

"I don't think he changed a hair. He just stood there, cool as an iced drink in

August

"'Too bad!' says he. 'Well, I might as well finish the negatives I've got in the tray,' an' back he goes an' bangs the door.

"I could feel my skin scorchin' an' my eyeballs startin' out of my head. I caught up the ax an' chopped for dear life once more. Then I gave up an' laid down again, an' I didn't care much what

happened.

"All at once the door flew open an' out he came. It seemed ages I'd been layin' there, an' at first I couldn't seem to place him, but after a while I got things straightened out. He'd got the ax by that time, an' the chips were flyin' right an' left; an' as he chopped he was bawlin' to me over his shoulder at the top of his voice.

"'We'll get out, pardner!' he howls. 'We got to! I got a picture of the moons of Jupiter that'll make some of the old stuck-in-the-rutters sit up an' take notice. Gad, but it's a bird! Greatest stunt ever done in stellar photography. I got to get out an' show it to 'em. We'll make it

yet, old man!'

"'Shut up an' die peaceable,' says I, disgusted. 'You can't get through

there!'

"But he chopped away like a fiend, an' whether 'twas his choppin' or whether 'twas the fire at the other end that done it, I can't make out; but, anyway, all of a sudden there was a slidin' an' a gratin' an' a bangin'; the whole thing shivered

an' shook an' went tumblin' apart about our very ears, an' there before us was the door to the new wing. I got up an' went for it full tilt. Did I have strength to get it down? Well, say, you'd oughter seen it go! 'Twas like paper before that charge of mine. Beyond that door was a long hall that ran straight to a window you could just make out through the smoke. I started on a run for that window; an' then I remember the other feller, an' turned to see if he was followin'. Not a sign of him could I see, so back I went, an' there he was layin' flat on the floor with the blood runnin' out of a great gash in his forehead where a timber'd hit him.

"I got him under the arms an' dragged him toward the window. The smoke grew thicker every minute, an' my head was swimmin'; but at last we reached it, an' after I'd kicked it out sash an' all, an' had howled for a ladder till I was hoarse, I heard the end of the ladder plop against the sill an' saw the tops of helmets comin' up. After that things got

sort of hazy.

"The next I remembered I was laying under some trees in the yard. Near by the fellow with the gash in his head had just come to, and was sittin' up. Some men, who had been bandagin' his head, were now watchin' him anxiously as he rummaged through his coat pockets. At last he brought out a few pieces of broken glass, an' after lookin' 'em over mournful for a time he began to groan an' mutter soft to himself.

"'Oh, Lord!' he says, heartbroke. 'Oh, Lord!'

"At that I sat up myself.

"'What's the matter?' I yells. 'Are you hurt bad?'

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"He was starin' at them pieces of broken glass, an' I didn't know but what he was goin' to bust out cryin'.

"'That negative of the moons of Jupiter is smashed to smithereens!' says he, as if the world had come to an end.

"'Is that all?' says I.

"I don't think he was a swearin' man generally, but just then he turned an' glared at me till I felt my scalp creep. 'Twas the savagest glare I ever stopped.

"'What in damnation could be worse than that?' he howls. "'Gettin' roasted to death in that trap we were in up there, for one thing,' I shouts back, mad clear through.

"He shook his head, sad like. 'Life is cheap,' says he, 'not to say common, but such a photograph never has been made before, an' I doubt if it ever is again. You're a brave man, all right, but you're young yet, an' there's some things you don't understand.'

"'Of which you're first an' chiefest,' says I to myself, as I went across the yard to report to Sixty-Eight."

John Barton Oxford

Pink Moss-Rosebuds

IF you want my opinion, this world is the most chancy place! Here I am, packing for all I'm worth to go back to Rockminster Junction, Vermont, and it isn't twenty-four hours since I was dallying with the notion of becoming Mrs. Ali Mazarian, and keeping a sharp lookout that no one got by my booth without a ticket. One of the Mrs. Ali Mazarians, it might have been; for, as Miss Leclaire, in the next booth, said, you never can tell anything about those orientals. He always seemed a perfect gentleman, I will say that for him, and I dare say a derby looks as funny in Turkey or whereever he came from as a fez in the First Church at Rockminster Center, and nobody can say that camels are more out of nature in the desert than muley cows at

At home! It certainly does beat all how things turn out. We are, indeed, as Miss Leclaire used to say, but puppets in the hands of Fate. Nobody can dispute but what she knows something about it. Imagine her, after she had supported Mansfield and Irving, and after Sarah Bernhardt herself had spoken to her about a season in Paris-imagine her in a red cocked hat taking tickets to the Marvels of Mars at Coney Island, in the next booth to Debby Golden, of Rockminster, Vermont. Of course she didn't know I was Debby Golden. Fortescue, when I went away from home with her, told me that the name of Deborah would be as good as a chaser any variety house, and so she christened me over-Delicia Grey.

I wonder will Miss Leclaire be surprised when she hears I'm leaving the profession for good? I wonder if Mr. Mazarian is really going to give up trained camels and open an oriental curio store at Old Orchard? I wonder—but this isn't getting on with telling what a chancy place the world is. I have to get back to entering the profession be-

fore I talk about leaving it.

Well, one day, about six years ago, dad came in and said could I repaper the front sitting-room and the front bedroom? I had done for dad ever since ma died, when I was eight. For a year or two, to be sure, Aunt Tilly and the neighbors helped; but I grew like a weed, and by the time I was twelve or thirteen no one thought I needed any more help. When dad said that about the paper I suspicioned something at once. I asked him what for. He said the rooms needed it. I looked at him and said the rooms had been good enough for my mother. When I saw how he took that, I knew-I knew.

"I won't stay here to be bossed by any school-teacher," I told him. Aunt Tilly had put me next. Dear me, that sounds funny about Aunt Tilly; it's not an elegant expression, of course, but I picked it up from Mr. Boiser, the barker for the Custer Massacre, the first show after you enter Mars. What I mean is that Aunt Tilly had informed me what stepmothers were, and had offered me the shelter of her home in case dad ever brought one home to rule over me.

Well, there he stood telling me not to talk nonsense, but to harness up and go for the paper. He actually had the face to say something about a viney, flowery pattern—giving himself away like that! I can feel yet how I felt then—all hot and choky in my throat and eyes—when I looked at him and thought of how I was not enough for him, spite of the way I had tried to work and learn for him. And he seemed choked up, too, and said something about my growing up, and how ma herself would have wished it, and how Miss Lucy—

But I fired out at that, and never had to hear how Miss Lucy was ready to

be a loving mother to me.

Well, I papered the house and I cleaned the house. The place was just shining the day dad drove to the village to marry her. I even left an old sugar-

bowl full of crimson ramblers on the marble top in the parlor when I lit out for Aunt Tilly's with my bundle and ma's crayon portrait. Neither of us was going to be there to see the usurper.

Well, she and dad drove over to Aunt Tilly's the next day, and dad said, all right, if I preferred Aunt Tilly's I could stay there until I had come to my senses. Then he marched back to the road and called to Miss Lucy, but she stayed on the door-step a minute. Her eyes kind of filled and her lips shook, and she allowed that she was very sorry about it all. Then Aunt Tilly laughed and said it was a pity to waste such sorrowing looks on a woman and a girl. The tears dried up in Miss Lucy's eyes, and she turned her back to Aunt Tilly and said to me:

"Debby, when you want to come back home, be sure of your loving welcome. But you'll have to excuse me coming af-

ter you any more."

Aunt Tilly laughed again and Miss Lucy went out to dad waiting in the

buggy under the elm.

Well, that summer Aunt Tilly had My, but she worked me! Some folks said it was because she wanted a free servant that she stirred up bad blood between dad and me. I don't know how that was, but I know how I drudged, churning, washing and ironing, jellying, feeding the hens, until I can't bear the sight of chicken till this day, waiting on the boarders, and everything. How on earth I ever felt lively enough after the evening chores to do clogs and hornpipes on the back porch with Cousin Sam and Rob Walker, who hired out there that season, beats me. But I did, and it was through that that the Fortescues came into my life.

They were boarding with Aunt Tilly that summer, and their room was in the ell that looked over the kitchen yard. They heard me dancing to the boys' clapping; and though I didn't know beans about art then, I will say that I had natural talent. And the long and the short of it was they asked me to join them. They were playing at the most refined vaudevilles throughout the country, and had lost their third member by marriage in Denver; and they said they'd like for me to have the chance. It

wasn't everybody they'd offer it to; lots of swell society girls had tried hard enough to get it, but they saw that I had gifts. As for my looks—well, I've never put a drop of anything on my hair or touched it with an iron, and—well, perhaps it doesn't become me to speak of its color or its curl.

A few nights after they had gone I slipped off and met them. Aunt Tilly would have had me locked up in Rockminster meeting-house and called it saving my soul, if she had known. As for dad and Miss Lucy, the more Aunt Tilly overworked me, the less notion I had of going home again and admitting myself wrong. So it looked as if Mrs. Fortescue was made to lead me out of

the house of bondage.

I stayed with the Fortescues three years, and I must say for them that they treated me white. We were billed as the Fortescue Family, and good times for them were good times for me. When it was sausages over the gas-jet and a tin growler for them, I wasn't more skimped than they were. When it was an extra sirloin and a bottle of wine for them, it was wine and sirloin for me. And Gloria Fortescue was like a mother to me in showing me how to wear my clothes and teaching me to keep fresh guys at a distance.

They were good, but they had awful luck, the Fortescues, and when finally he had the bronchitis for three months and we couldn't do our turn or keep our engagements, it seemed best for us to part. They paid my way back to New York from Camden, and he wheezed up a blessing on me and she gave me a Roman-pearl bracelet she couldn't raise anything on, and I left my raincoat with her, and we parted.

I was seventeen then, and I knew the ropes pretty well. I got some engagements; but I hadn't laid much by when this last winter came, and I got inflam-

matory rheumatism.

Inflammatory rheumatism doesn't limber you up much for dancing, and when I came out of the hospital I might have starved, if it hadn't been for some of the whitest people that ever did a turn. I couldn't get a thing to do, and I don't believe I could have done it if I had got it. I just used to wrap up in blankets

off the bed in the Strathmore Sisters' flat and think of the Franklin stove in the sitting-room at home. Homesick! Don't speak of it.

What with being so stiff and so sick, I lost every atom of pride, and when I got a chance to sit in a little round booth that fronted on the Bowery at Coney, wearing a scarlet jersey with gilt buttons and a scarlet cocked hat and taking tickets, like I said, I just jumped at it. It wasn't art, I know, but it meant food.

Well, last night I sat there. It was all a great glare of light before and behind me, and a loud blare of noise and the greasy smell of the frankfurters toasting at the funny little brick fireplaces. And the pagoda roof of my booth seemed like it would come down on my head, and the bands and the electricity made my temples almost burst through my skin.

All of a sudden I heard a whimpering just in front of the booth. I looked over, and there was a hot, sticky-looking, frightened little girl of about four, in a rumpled white dress and a bonnet falling off. It was a white bonnet with a little edge of pink moss-rosebuds next her face—pink moss-rosebuds. When I saw them I reached open the door and dragged her in. It wasn't the right thing to do with a lost child. I ought to have sent her to the Marvels of Mars office, but I couldn't have let those silly little moss-rosebuds out of my sight. You see, once, when mother was alive, dad had taken me to town and bought me a bonnet. And it had a little ruche of mossrosebuds inside-like mother's weddingbonnet, he said. I remembered all of a sudden how good he and ma had always been to me, and how proud I was of that bonnet.

The kiddie couldn't tell much about herself. She was too tired and frightened. So I put her up on my stool and she soon fell asleep—as cunning and trustful! Mr. Mazarian happened to come around between performances of the camels, and I sent him to the office to tell them there was a lost child in my booth

And by and by there was a great commotion, and I saw Mr. Mazarian pointing my way. So I opened the door and turned to lift up the baby. And when I took her in my arms to hand her out, and

faced around again, who should stand behind Mr. Mazarian but dad and Miss Lucy! And I thought to myself, why couldn't I have known he'd always buy his girl babies bonnets like that? And I thought, oh, if only the earth could open and swallow me! Me in that scarlet cocked hat! I stared—I couldn't make my eyes look away. But I was praying inside of me hard, hard: "Oh, don't let them know me, don't let them know me! Kind Lord, don't let them know me, to be shamed by me here!" And all the time—it seemed an hour, but I reckon it was about half a second -I saw that Miss Lucy wore a badge of delegate to the C. E. convention. There had been lots of them down that after-

Well, there I stood with the baby in my arms. And there they stood. And before she had even grabbed her own little girl, Miss Lucy looked at me and called out—all joyfully—"Debby!" and held out her arms—to me—to me—

I'm going home to-day!

Anne O'Hagan

Mr. Pumfrey's Purchase

It was dusk, and outside a drizzling rain was falling. The house was very still, for up-stairs Mrs. Pumfrey lay

dying of pneumonia.

Her husband stood at the window of the sitting-room, gazing out into the wet street. The doctor had just left him, after telling him that he must not be surprised if "something happened" during the night. Mr. Pumfrey was sad, but, still more, his feeling was what people call "lost"—a bewildered sensation, as of a man who does not know his bearings. Life without the sensible, clearheaded woman who had been at his side night and day for the last forty years—he could not imagine how it would be.

Mr. Pumfrey had been a London grocer, but finding that he was getting on in years, and that younger men were passing him in the race, he had wisely retired and settled down in Camberwell to live on the money he had saved. But for the companionship of his wife, his days would have been intolerably tedious.

They had followed a daily habit of taking a walk between the hours of four and five in the afternoon, and since the beginning of his wife's illness he had kept up the custom, more because it was their custom than from any desire for exercise. It was now the hour for his daily stroll, and mechanically he turned from the window, went out into the hall, and put on his hat and overcoat. Merely pausing to send word to the nurse that he would be back in less than an hour, he took his umbrella and went out into the rain.

The quiet little street in which they lived was but a short distance from one of the great second-class London thoroughfares, lined with large shops whose spacious windows made the street resemble a corridor in an international exhibition. At one or other of these shops there was generally a sale going on; and it was one of the favorite amusements of Mr. and Mrs. Pumfrey to visit such shops, go conscientiously through the sale catalogues, and, if possible, help out their modest income by purchasing at the reduced prices such articles as they would require within the next few months.

Not till he had reached this street of shops did Mr. Pumfrey notice that he had not remembered to change for winter boots the pair of old summer shoes which he wore indoors. His wife, if she had been with him, would have insisted, he well knew, on his going home and changing them at once. But she was not there, and with a faint satisfaction at the thought that he was free to do as he chose, he turned into the wide thoroughfare and passed along the line of shop-windows, glancing in at them as he went along.

At one of these windows he stopped, merely from idle curiosity. It was the window of a large multiple shop or "stores," and presently he found himself gazing with awakening interest at a quantity of mourning paper and envelopes marked at an absurdly low figure. Large labels invited passers-by to observe that this particular "line" was of really first-class quality, and was being offered at such a price that intending purchasers must apply at once. Never again would they find such an op-

portunity of laving in a stock of writing paper at a reduction of forty-five per cent on the normal selling price.

Mr. Pumfrey would have been a ready purchaser, for he knew that the supply of note-paper at home was running low, but this paper had a deep black border, and was, therefore, quite unsuitable-

Suddenly he recollected. If what the doctor had told him was correct, his next purchase of note-paper would have to be of exactly this description. It would be just what he would want, and, if he bought it now, the saving, even on a single ream, would be considerable. But he could not buy it yet-not just yet. Perhaps to-morrow-

No. A mighty placard informed him in large red capitals that this was positively the last day of the sale. To-mor-

row would be too late.

Still, he told himself, it would not be right or decent to buy mourning paper until he had actually become a widower; and he turned away from the great plateglass window with a sigh of regret.

But before he had taken many steps his business instincts reasserted themselves. If it was morally certain that by this time to-morrow he would be buying that paper at an advance of forty-five per cent on the price now asked, it was surely foolish to allow mere sentiment to prevent him from making the purchase at the reduced figure. He went slowly back to the shop, still hesitating. Then he stood quite a long time at the window, trying to make up his mind. He found it difficult, for business and sentiment have no common denominator.

Finally he resolved that he would look at the paper. He went into the shop, inspected a sample, and was so convinced of the genuineness of the bargain that he there and then ordered two reams and a thousand envelopes, pay-

ing for them on the spot.

When he reached home it was quite dark, his umbrella was dripping with wet, and he was shivering. If Mrs. Pumfrey had been at her usual post she would have seen to it that he changed his shoes, but he did not. He shivered once or twice during the evening, and when he went to bed he had something of a sore throat.

In the morning his throat was worse, and the doctor advised him to remain in bed for the day. He was cheered, however, by the news that his wife was

slightly better.

Next day the doctor looked very grave when he came out of John Pumfrey's room, and the housemaid, happening to come down-stairs as the doctor and the nurse were exchanging a few words on the landing, told the cook that she was sure that she had heard him say "diphtheria." Another nurse was sent for, and all was done for Mr. Pumfrey that science and care could do, but the disease was severe; his vitality was low; and within a fortnight he had passed away.

Meantime Mrs. Pumfrey had been slowly recovering. A week after her husband's funeral she came down-stairs

for the first time.

On a chair in the hall lay a large

brown-paper parcel.

"Well, I never!" she exclaimed to Anne, the housemaid, for want of a better listener. "If this isn't just the very thing I was thinking I would have to send you out for. I quite forgot to order some, being forbidden by doctor's orders to write letters. This will last me for a long while. But who can have ordered I'm sure I never did. Did you?"

"No, ma'am. I wouldn't take it on

me to do such a thing."

The widow looked at the invoice, to see whether it would offer any explanation of the mystery. It was dated the nineteenth of November.

"Why," said Mrs. Pumfrey, counting on her fingers-"if that isn't the very day your master was took unwell! It was a Friday, and the doctor told me he

had given me up."

She stopped abruptly, for the coincidence was illuminative, and she understood. The bill, too, was eloquent in its

moderation.

She quite understood; but she did not feel at all bitter toward her deceased husband. She took a sheet of the paper, felt it appreciatively between her finger and thumb, then spread it out on the blotter before her and dipped her pen in

"Poor John!" she murmured. "He was always so careful!" John K. Leys

LIGHT VERSE

ANTIQUITY VS. UTILITY

MY Margaret, grown auction-mad,
Has filled our flat with The Antique;
Ashes of empire, battered, sad,
From every nook and corner speak,
Old woods and carpets Moslemesque—
Yet in my office far apart
I sit behind my roll-top desk;
It's useful—but it isn't art!

A quaint Colonial warming-pan
Upon our Flemish hearth doth tilt
With charcoal-burners from Japan
And samovars of Russian gilt.
And yet the janitor, with scorn,
Brings coal and kindling-wood to start
Our modern furnace every morn;
It's useful—but it isn't art!

An elderly grandfather's clock,
As if the times were out of joint,
Ticks now and then a feeble tock
And drops the hands that will not point.
Yet in a closet, tucked away,
A friend reliable, though tart,
My cheap alarm-clock works all day;
It's useful—but it isn't art!

A bed which some one died upon—"Twas either Marie Antoinette,
Or Shakespeare, or George Washington.
It creaks. I wake and bump my head
And think of spooks—be still, my

heart!—
Oh, for a brass instalment bed
That's useful, though it isn't art!

We have an ancient bedroom set,

You see, I'm just a plain, crisp man Unmaddened by an auction-sale. I cannot talk on Old Japan, Korean ware, or Chippendale; But when a load of curios Comes from the auction in a cart I pay the bills—and I suppose That's useful—though it isn't art!

Wallace Irwin

THE COMMON LOT

SEEING an iris growing in the grass,
A butterfly, in passing, spake: "Alas,
Were fate more kind—who knows?—I, too,
might be

A flower, at peace in sweet obscurity; Not what I am—a vain and vagrant thing, A homeless idler, ever on the wing!"

The iris noted, till her gaze was spent, His golden flight, and sighed in discontent: "Were fate more kind—who knows?—I, too, might be

A butterfly, as beautiful, and—free!"

Meribah Philbrick Abbott

WHEN MABEL'S MAKING FUDGE

A LTHOUGH chill winds might freeze my bones, I'm ne'er afraid to trudge A mile when Mabel telephones: "Come up—I'm making fudge!"

I've watched while other girls made tea, So I'm prepared to judge; No other picture quite suits me

She works her chafing-dish, you know; I sit near-by, nor budge, Let other callers come or go, When Mabel's making fudge.

Like Mabel making fudge.

Though she may smile on other chaps, I never hold a grudge, But dream: "Now if "—or "Now perhaps"—
While Mabel's making fudge.

And if Dan Cupid helps a mite, All day I'll gladly drudge At business, if by candle-light My Mabel makes my fudge!

M. F. K. Hutchinson

THE SONG OF FLIRTILLA

SINCE I was but a little maid,
I've played with Love—
Fingered his fetters fearlessly;
Stolen the stings
From arrows in his quiver laid;
His bow above
His tiny reach held carelessly;
Bound fast his wings.

Ah, me! I fear I may have done Some wrong to him, In that I teased him when he grieved And mocked him so.

Although my flouts were all in fun, Misgivings grim Assail me that he was deceived, And did not know.

I played with Love—with Love I played—
Now childish things
Seem far away, and memories move
Me mournfully!
Sometimes I grow almost afraid
With wonderings
If there will come a time when
Love

Will play with me!
Frank Preston Smart

A PATH FOR TWO

MY path in life may not lead straight To fame, success, or opulence; Perchance, sweetheart, 'twill deviate Through brambled meads and thickets dense.

If long it be I cannot tell,
Or short; but ah, I know 'tis wide
Enough for two to travel well
When hand in hand and side by side!

It may not lead to heights renowned;
From hills of ease it may digress;
But, ah, 'twill lead where joy is found—
To sun-kissed vales of happiness!
For Love shall our attendant be,
Our scout, our guide, skilled bowman
true,

If you, sweetheart, will walk with me
The path that's wide enough for two!

Roy Farrell Greene

MLLE. POCAHONTAS

WHO is this Indian maiden fair,
With nut-brown cheek and golden
hair,
With twinkling orbs and walk of grace,
And dimples lighting up her face,
In filmy gown of late design
That dazzles so these eyes of mine?
What is her tribe? For I would know
Whence cometh this strange child of Lo.

No Indian maiden I have seen
In days gone by hath ever been
So nigh a queen;
Nor have I ever heard of one
Whose locks outshone the rising sun
In golden brilliance shimmering,
As soft as are the airs of spring,
And flying in the autumn breeze
Like fairy fabrics in the trees.
The daughters of Geronimo,
Of Powhatan and Idaho,
Had raven tresses black as night
To hide their shoulders from our sight.

And dimpling cheeks and orbs of blue That shame the very heaven's hue, I've never seen on girls or boys Descended from the Iroquois; And as for gowns from o'er the sea, And bonnets fresh from far Paris—Who ever saw a Navajo In some creation of Virot? Egad, 'twould fill my soul with bliss To win a squaw to equal this!

What? Phyllis? You, this Indian maid, You haughty, naughty little jade, Returned to town and all its thrills From summering amid the hills? And this your dusky cheek—this tan You've brought along to dazzle man? Ah, well, I'm not at all surprised At Pocahontas so disguised—Were I the sun I think I, too, Would kiss your cheek the summer through!

John Kendrick Bangs

TO AN EMPTY PURSE

OH, vast and vain vacuity, a curse Upon thy emptiness! It grieves me sore
To gaze into thine empty depths, thou

purse,
Thou primal nothingness forevermore!

Thou yastness and infinitude of space.

Thou vastness and infinitude of space, Thou bottomless, unending depth profound,

Abysmal, empty, and unfathomed place, Not e'en the echoes in thy walls resound!

Unburdened, hollow, destitute of all,
Thou dismal, deep concavity of wo,
E'en gravitation will not bid thee fall,
Nor hast thou wings to make thee
heavenward go.

Thou yawning, oscillating, gaping chasm, Of all that never was and ne'er will be, Thou art the synonym, the fitting plasm— Nihility alone resides with thee! Thomas Speed Mosby

FISHING

WENT fishing, so did Sue; Cupid, he went fishing, too, On the sly! With our lines precisely baited, On the bank we sat and waited, But the fish were shy.

Susan's sun-kissed cheeks were glowing,
Susan's dimples, coyly showing,
Proved a pretty snare;
And my thoughts were somehow tangled,
All the time I sat and angled,
With her silken hair.

Fishes? Well, there were not many;
Finny ones there were not any,
Still, we caught a few—
Susan caught one, so did I,
Though the water-folk were shy;
Cupid? He caught two!

Grace Stone Field

THE YOUNG WIFE

HE'S come within the swinging gate, The garden-path sings to his tread; One little moment more to wait— But, ah, the moment moves like lead!

What if, to-night, I linger here
To let him seek me, up the stair,
Or to his hurrying gaze appear
Stately and slow descending there?

No, no! His foot is at the door;

Quick, that the door scarce opened be
Till all my world have shrunk once more
To his dear arms enfolding me!

Elizabeth R. Kellogg

MARY MANNERING

BY MATTHEW WHITE, JR.

A YOUNG ENGLISH ACTRESS WHOSE CHARM, BEAUTY, AND HISTRI-ONIC ABILITY QUICKLY NATURALIZED HER IN THE LIKING OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC—THE STORY OF HER LIFE ON THE STAGE

T was chance, whose power is so often manifest in theatrical affairs, that played the decisive part in determining Mary Mannering's earlier career. Some friends of Kyrle Bellew happened to see, at a picture exhibition, the portrait of a young English girl, and to be struck by the charm and expressiveness of the The original, then but fifteen years old, was living quietly with her parents, and her picture was on view only because an artist had admired her beauty and obtained permission to transfer it to canvas. It impressed Mr. Bellew's friends so deeply that they urged the actor to track down the girl and see if she could be induced to go upon the stage.

It was an odd thing to do, but Bellew desired to humor his friends. He saw the young lady, and persuaded her to join his company; and during her first season she played more than fifty small parts under her own name of Florence Friend. For the next three years she continued to act in the British provinces, acquiring a fairly wide experience, but never attaining the réclame of an appearance in the West End, or finding a London manager who cared to secure her services.

The next step in her career was a sufficiently surprising one, though the account of it that has passed into current theatrical history is not quite correct. The accepted version is that Daniel Frohman, during one of his summer holidays, was making a solitary bicycle tour over the delightful country highways of England. Stopping for the night in a provincial town, he spent the evening

at the local theater, as he often did when he found one open. On this occasion, the romantic legend continues, he made a much rarer find—a leading woman of such beauty and talent that he promptly made up his mind to engage her for his New York playhouse, and to put her into the position just vacated there by no less a celebrity than Georgia Cayvan.

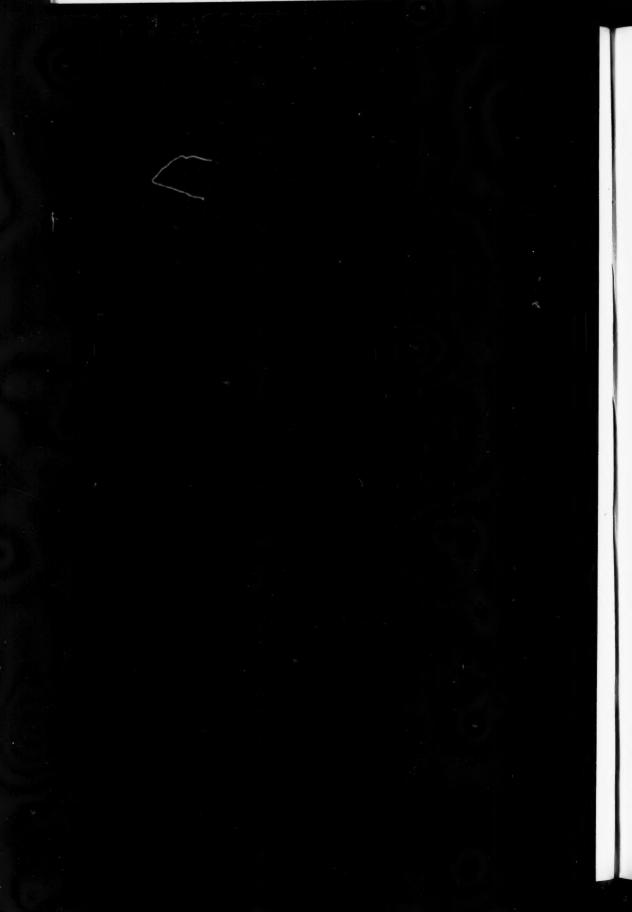
HOW MR. FROHMAN DISCOVERED MISS MANNERING -

The true story, as told by Mr. Frohman himself, is simple enough, but somewhat less picturesque. It seems that in the summer of 1896 he bought the American rights of Sidney Grundy's farce, "The Late Mr. Castello"; and as it was then being produced at a theater in Islington, a northern suburb of London, he not unnaturally thought it worth while to see a performance of the piece. The company was a provincial one, and the leading juvenile rôle was played by Florence Friend.

"I was charmed with her performance," Mr. Frohman says, "and also with her attractive, girlish personality, and her sincerity and simplicity. I sent for her, and engaged her for my stock company, of which I made her the leading lady. I changed her name from Florence Friend to Mary Mannering, as being more attractive and euphonious. In the same company, at Islington, the second rôle was played by a Miss Constance Collier, who is now one of the leading women of the London stage."

Without any flourish of trumpets, then, on the 24th of November, 1896, Miss Mannering made her début in America.

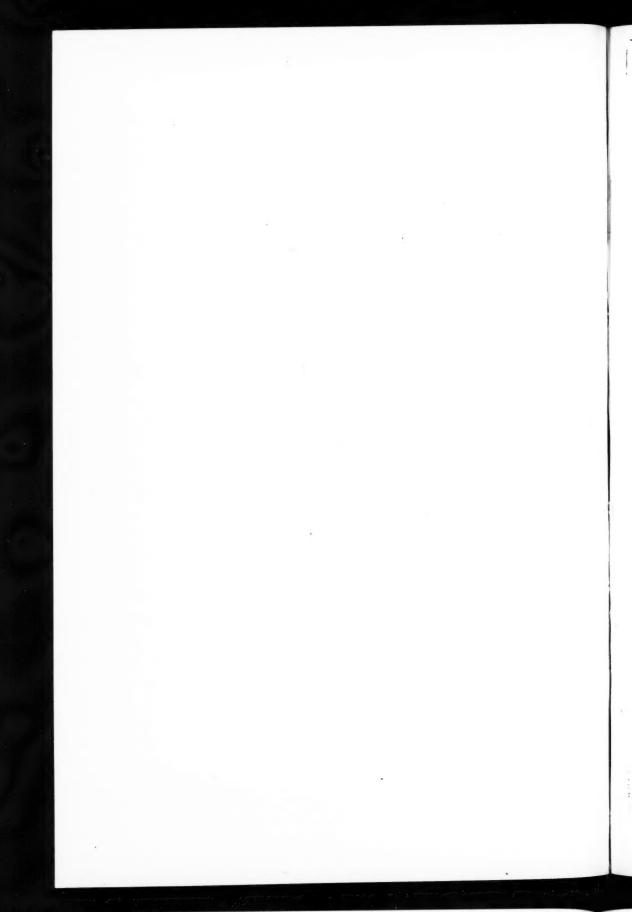






MARY MANNERING

From her latest photograph by the Otto Sarony Company, New York



There were more than the ordinary risks connected with the venture. Not only was the leading woman a stranger, but the play was by a young English dramatist, Henry V. Esmond, who had not yet won his spurs with "When We Were Twenty-One" and "The Wilderness." More than this, "The Courtship of Leonie" had no London prestige to recommend it to American audiences, as this performance at the Lyceum was its first production on any stage.

HER PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

The play failed and was speedily withdrawn, but the actress won. William Winter said of her on the morning after her début:

Miss Mannering has a tall, willowy figure, a distinguished bearing, the head of Faed's "Evangeline," a face of great sensibility, and the rare, strange charm of gray eyes and dark hair; and all her motions are elastic and graceful. Best of all, she has a voice which, under the stress of natural emotion, in a situation of real pathos and not of trumpery excitement and artificial flurry would go straight to the heart.

Miss Mannering's leading man in that very first play was James K. Hackett. Between these two it was practically a case of love at first sight, and they were married before that first season had run its somewhat checkered course, although the fact of the union was kept secret for several months. She remained at the old Lyceum till the end of its existence. During that period the two impersonations that stand out as her best were Fay, the Italian girl in "The Princess and the Butterfly," and Rose Trelawney, the delightful actress who gave "Trelawney of the Wells" its title.

Acting one winter with the troupe after its removal to Daly's, Miss Mannering then signed to star under Frank McKee's management. In the autumn of 1900, much against her will, she appeared in a dramatization of the year's "best seller"—"Janice Meredith." The story had never appealed to her, and she liked the play still less; but it was fortunate, perhaps, that she did not take the advice of a New York critic who suggested that Jocelyn Leigh in "To Have and To Hold" would suit her "down to the ground." For "Janice Meredith" proved a strong popular success, while

"To Have and To Hold," put forward later with Isabel Irving and Robert Loraine in the chief parts, turned out to be utterly unsuited to the stage, and was summarily bundled into the storage warehouse.

This is really the haven where "Janice Meredith," on the merits of the play, should have found an early repose. The fact that it attracted a long succession of crowded audiences is either a severe reflection on the dramatic standards of the public, or else a striking testimony to the personal charm of the actress who bore the leading rôle.

THE SUCCESS OF "JANICE MEREDITH"

"There is scarcely a part that Miss Mannering has played in this country," wrote one of the critics, "which makes less demand upon her powers as an artist than the character of this flibbertigibbet, Janice." This is but a fair sample of the reviewers' opinions. They almost all agreed, however, that the play contained elements likely to appeal to the prevailing theatrical taste. They were right. Such was the call from the box-office that poor Miss Mannering was kept in the thing for two solid seasons. Rarely, indeed, has a popular success left such a bitter taste in the mouth of the chief person concerned.

Miss Mannering's leading man in "Janice Meredith" was Robert Drouet, her husband having now become a fullfledged star in his own orbit. Arthur Byron was her first assistant in her second venture, "The Stubbornness of Geraldine," by Clyde Fitch. The play, chiefly notable for the realistic representation of a rolling steamer-deck, was distinctly a frothy affair, but pleasing withal, and carried her safely through a season, which was more than can be said for her third essay, "Harriet's Honeymoon," a weak-kneed farce written-most likely after a German original-by Leo Ditrichstein.

The chief event of 1904, in the Hackett family record, was the arrival of a daughter. Mrs. Hackett did not return to the stage until March of the following year, when she was placed against a background of Scottish history in "Nancy Stair," with Robert Loraine as her leading man. The play, adapted by

Paul Potter from a book by Elinor Macartney Lane, pleased neither the critics nor the public.

A CO-STAR WITH HER HUSBAND

The period of Miss Mannering's contract with Frank McKee having now run its course, she was free to appear jointly with her husband. All concerned were gratified, last autumn, when "Hackett-Mannering" went up in electric brilliance over the billboards for "The Walls of Jericho." The play, written by Alfred Sutro, proved one of the half dozen leading successes of the New York season; but audiences had scarcely ceased congratulating themselves on this opportunity of seeing two stars for one price of admission, when Mr. Hackett decided to become a manager, and to act only at convenient intervals. Miss Mannering, therefore, returns to the lone star state. She will appear this autumn in "Mistress Betty," by the author of "Brown of Harvard," with Robert Warwick as leading man, and, of course, under the management of her husband.

Although at this writing the play is not quite completed, this much can be said about it—the Betty is the Elizabeth Patterson of Baltimore who played such a romantic part in Napoleonic history. A scenario of the piece was submitted to Miss Mannering by its author, Mrs. Young, of whom the Hacketts knew nothing beyond the fact that she was the

wife of James Young, the actor, and that she had a contract with Henry Miller for the production of another play she had written. Miss Mannering approved the outline of "Mistress Betty," and gave Mrs. Young a retaining fee to go on and finish the drama. This was in December last, and it was not until February that the new playwright's first effort-"Brown of Harvard"-saw the footlights. It proved to be one of the hits of the season, so that Miss Mannering has had the unique experience of ordering a play from a novice and finding that novice turn to a celebrity on her hands, as it were.

It is earnestly to be hoped that "Mistress Betty" may provide her with a part and a background that will be some compensation for the series of misfits that have fallen to her almost steadily since she left the Lyceum. Only during her comparatively brief connection with the little playhouse on Fourth Avenue, now no more, has this really delightful actress found material worthy of her

To quote once more from the dean of American reviewers, the secret of her charm is well explained by Mr. Winter's statement that "a fine figure, an expressive countenance, a demure look, a fond, caressing manner, and the aspect and semblance of earnest feeling-these attributes combine in Miss Mannering's personality, and they naturally please.'

POSSESSED

ONE little day of mine you took, And now-though strange, 'tis true-No days at all are left for me, All time belongs to you.

You captured one swift, passing thought. Who dreamed what would befall? No dream or fancy now is mine; You hold my brain in thrall.

You crept into my quiet work; Now all I plan or do Has one sole object, one glad aim-My work is all for you.

I found you one day in my heart: Its rooms were chill and bare; But now, though crowded, only one-One face, one shape is there.

THE STATUE OF SNOW

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UNLIKE THE PAINTER, THE SCULPTOR, AND THE AUTHOR, WHOSE WORK LIVES AFTER THEM, THE ACTOR LEAVES BEHIND HIM NOTHING BUT A RECOLLECTION; YET HE HAS AT LEAST TWO COMPENSATIONS DENIED TO THE OTHERS

DAVID GARRICK was probably the greatest actor the world has ever seen; but what is he to-day but a faint memory—a name in the biographical dictionaries, and no more? Joseph Jefferson was the most accomplished comedian of the English-speaking stage at the end of the nineteenth century; but his fame will fade like Garrick's, and in a score of years he also will be but a name. This swift removal to the limbo of the vanished is the fate of all actors, however popular in their own day, and however indisputable their genius.

And this fate the actor shares with all other performers, vocalists, and instrumentalists. It is a fate from which the practitioners of the other arts are preserved by the fact that their works may live after them, whereas the performers can leave nothing behind them but the splendid recollection that may linger in the memories of those who beheld the performance. Goldsmith was the friend of Garrick; and there are thousands today who have enjoyed the quaint simplicity of the "Vicar of Wakefield," and to whom, therefore, Goldsmith is something more than a name only. Macready was the friend of Bulwer-Lytton, who wrote for him "The Lady of Lyons" and "Richelieu"; but the actor left the stage half a century ago and has long been forgotten by the playgoers, who have continued to attend the countless performances of the two plays Macready originally produced.

The actors are moved often to repeat

again the pathetic query of Rip when he returned from his sleep of twenty years: "Are we, then, so soon forgot?" And Jefferson himself answered the question in the affirmative. He told Mr. Francis Wilson that Betterton and Garrick, Kean and Mrs. Siddons, "mark milestones in the dramatic pathway, for they lived at a time when literary men wrote sympathetically of the stage, and so their memories are kept alive." He thought that Edwin Booth might be more than a tradition solely because he had founded a club, The Players, whereby his fame would be kept green. And when Mr. Wilson asked him about himself, the shrewd comedian explained that his own "Autobiography" might serve to rescue him from total oblivion. And then he summed up the case and dismissed it, with the assertion that "the painter, the sculptor, the author, all live in their works after death; but there is nothing so useless as a dead actor! Acting is a tradition. Actors must have their reward now, in the applause of the public -or never. If their names live, it will be because of some extraneous circumstance."

Other distinguished actors have phrased the same thought even more forcibly. Delaunay, for a third of a century the ideal young lover in all the masterpieces of dramatic literature performed at the Théâtre Français, used to liken the actor to the painter in Hoffmann's weird tale, who sat before a blank canvas with an empty brush, and

yet gave all the touches needed for a true picture. And Lawrence Barrett was fond of repeating an anecdote of Michelangelo. To please some exacting patron or to gratify a whim of his own, the great artist, so it is said, once carved a statue of snow. This may have been the final expression of his plastic genius; but it endured only until the sun shone again. Then it melted swiftly into a shapeless lump, and soon it was gone forever, leaving no record of its powerful beauty. "And this is what the actor does every night," so Barrett was wont to comment; "he is forever carving a statue of snow."

So strong is the instinctive human desire for immortality, so abiding is the wish of man to transmit to those who may come later some testimony of himself, that these regretful utterances of the actors are very natural indeed. But is their case really as hard as they think it? Has the actor no compensation for the transitoriness of his fame?

And when we seek an honest answer to these questions, we can find one without difficulty. Indeed, we can find two, one of them obvious enough, and the other, perhaps, not so evident, but not less suggestive.

A HARVEST OF PRAISE AND OF PAY

The first answer is contained in Jefferson's assertion that "actors must have their reward now, in the applause of the public—or never." And we all know that actors do have their reward, an ample reward, pressed down and running over. Both in praise and in cash, the actor is better paid than any other artist. In proportion to his ability, he is greatly overpaid. The nightly salary of a prima donna far overtops the modest fee of the composer of the opera. The possible earnings of celebrated performers are almost fabulous, now that they can make the whole world tributary. It may be that the pecuniary gains of a very popular performer are not actually greater than those of a very popular novelist or of a very popular portraitpainter. But where there are to-day only one or two novelists and portrait-painters who have attained to this summit of prosperity, there are a dozen or a score of actors and of actresses who are reaping the richest of harvests. And even the rank and file of the histrionic profession are better paid than are the average practitioners of the other arts.

The actor, overpaid in actual money, so far as his real ability is concerned, is also unduly rewarded with praise. the general 'ignorance about the art of acting, he is often rated far more highly than he deserves. He is greeted with public acclaim; and he can rejoice in the wide reverberations of a notoriety which is the immediate equivalent of fame. He comes almost in personal contact with his admirers; and they are loud in expressing to him the pleasure he has just given them. Far more directly and far more keenly than any poet or any sculptor can the actor breathe the incense offered up to him. And if he be a Kemble, he may have the good fortune to listen while a Campbell declares acting to be the supreme art:

For ill can poetry express
Full many a tone of thought sublime,
And painting, mute and motionless,
Steals but a glance of time.
But by the mighty actor brought,
Illusion's perfect triumphs come—
Verse ceases to be airy thought,
And sculpture to be dumb.

Even if the actor is not a Kemble and does not receive the homage of a Campbell, even if he is but one of the many stars that twinkle in the theatrical firmament, he has a celebrity denied to other artists. He may expect to be recognized as he passes in the street. He may count on the public familiarity with his name, such as no other artist could hope for. Few of those who throng through the portals of a noble public building ever give a thought to the architect whose work it is. Few of those who stand in admiration before a stately statue in the square ever ask the name of the sculptor who wrought it.

Even in the theater itself few of those who sit entranced at the performance of a play know or care to know its authorship. Mr. Bronson Howard was once asked how many of the audience that filled the theater at the hundredth performance of one of his plays would be aware that he was the author of the piece they were enjoying; and he answered that he doubted if one in ten of

the spectators happened to be acquainted with his name. But at least nine in ten of the spectators knew the names of the stars; and when that piece chances to be performed nowadays by one of the stock companies, it is advertised as "Robson and Crane's great play, 'The Henrietta.'"

So it is that the player is ever overshadowing the playwright, although the actor is but the interpreter of what the author has created. It is the incalculable advantage of the actor that he stands "in the suffused light of emotion kindled by the author," so George Henry Lewes declared, adding that the performer delivering "the great thoughts of an impassioned mind, is rewarded, as the bearer of glad tidings is rewarded, though he have had nothing to do with the facts which he narrates."

ANOTHER PARTIAL COMPENSATION

A certain rough-and-ready justice there is in most of the affairs of this life; and by this those who have their brief hour upon the stage may profit, like the rest of us. The obvious compensation for the swift forgetting that may follow the most distinguished actor's withdrawal from active service in the theater is to be found in the fact that while he was prominent before the footlights he was probably more or less overpaid either in praise or in cash, and possibly in both. But there is another compensation less obvious, and indeed wholly overlooked by those who have discussed the subject. Even Lewes failed to state it, although he seems to have been almost in sight of it.

"It is thought a hardship that great actors in quitting the stage can leave no monument more solid than a name," so Lewes wrote, commenting on the retirement of Macready. "The painter leaves behind him pictures to attest his power; the author leaves behind him books; the actor leaves only a tradi-The curtain falls—the artist is annihilated. Succeeding generations may be told of his genius; none can test it." But Lewes did not see the significance of these final words, "none can test it." They suggest that, in one respect at least, the actor may be more fortunate than any other artist. His

fame in the future depends absolutely on the reputation which he achieved while he was alive and active in his profession. From that pedestal he can never be deposed. On that height he is secure, whatever the changes of critical theory and whatever the vagaries of public opinion. For him the judgment of his contemporaries is final, and posterity has no court of appeal. The election on the face of the returns must stand; and it can never be voided later, since the ballots have been destroyed.

This is a security of tenure possessed by no painter and by no poet whose works survive to be tested anew by the changing standards of successive generations. Painters exalted in one century as indisputable masters have been cast down in another century, and denounced as mere pretenders. Pope was acclaimed in his own day as the greatest of English poets, only to be dismissed in our day as an adroit versifier, not fairly to be termed a poet at all. From these vicissitudes of criticism the actor is preserved; his fame cannot be impeached. No critic can move for a retrial of Garrick; the witnesses are all dead; the case is closed; the decision stands forever. "Succeeding generations may be told of his genius; none can test it "-and because none can test it, succeeding generations must accept what they have been told. Garrick painted his picture with an empty brush, it is true, and he had to carve his statue in the snow; and therefore neither the picture nor the statue can ever be seen by unfriendly eyes today. The skill of the artist cannot be proved; we have to take cotrust and to hold it as a matter of faith.

Beyond all question it is a signal advantage to the actor that he can leave behind him nothing by which his contemporary fame may be contested by us who come after. How great an advantage it is, we may gage by considering the sadly shrunken reputations to-day of certain speakers accepted in their own time as orators of compelling force. In the eighteenth century, Whitefield was a widely renowned preacher, credited with genuine eloquence by all who heard him. One discourse of his was so moving that it coaxed the copper and the silver and the gold out of the pockets of the calm

and unemotional Franklin. If we had only the testimony of those who heard him gladly, we could hardly fail to regard Whitefield as one of the really great orators of the world. Unfortunately for the fame of the fervid preacher, some of his sermons survive to bear witness against him. Whitefield's burning words, powerfully effective as they were when sustained by his artful delivery, are cold enough now that we have them on the

printed page.

What happened to Whitefield in the eighteenth century is not unlike what happened to Gladstone in the nineteenth. There would be little possibility of denying to the great party-leader a foremost place among the world's mightiest orators, if we had only the record of the overwhelming effect produced upon those whom he addressed, whether he was carrying the fiery cross through Midlothian or holding the House entranced hour after hour by a speech on the bud-Not Webster, not Cicero, not Demosthenes was more powerful in producing results. But we are not compelled to rely solely on the recollections of those who sat silent under the spell of his commanding personality. When we seek to test Gladstone's title to be held a great orator, we can call other witnesses -these very speeches themselves, revised by the speaker hmself; and they bear testimony against him, just as Whitefield's sermons bear testimony against Whitefield.

The reputation of Gladstone and of Whitefield as orators would be higher than it is if they were judged only by the memories of those who heard them or by the records made by those who were still under the spell of their influence. Herein the actors are luckier than the orators, since it is only by such enthusiastic records that they can be judged. There can be no other proof of their great gifts; and "none can test it."

ACTORS OF YESTERDAY AND OF TO-DAY

It is true that now and again a skeptic stands up to suggest a doubt whether the renowned actors of the past really deserved their reputations. He wonders how they would be received to-day, and whether we should esteem Betterton and Kean as highly as they were once esteemed, each in his own day. He even ventures to opine that if these great actors could appear on our stage we should find them old fashioned, of course, and probably also stilted and stagy. And although this suggestion is hostile, it contains a certain measure of truth. The acting of the past was not exactly like the acting of the present, because the circumstances of performance have been continually changing, even though the principles of the art abide unaltered.

The actor must ever adjust himself to the theater in which he is performing. His methods must be modified in accordance with the condition of the stage at the Burbage played his parts on a bare platform thrust out into the unroofed yard; and Kean won his triumphs in a huge theater with the oil-footlights curving out far beyond the curtain. Burbage and Kean had to accept these conditions, and to adjust their technic accord-If they were to appear to-day in the modern theater, and if they were to act as they were wont to act in the wholly different theaters of their own times, no doubt they would disconcert us, and we might very well fail to perceive their real merits. But this is not the fair way to put it. If Garrick were to be born again, and to grow up amid our conditions, he would accept these, and find his profit in them. His histrionic genius would expand as freely now as it did then; and he would be as responsive to the pressure of public opinion in the twentieth century as he was in the eighteenth.

There is no doubt that the dramas in which the actors of the past appeared were more rhetorical than the plays of to-day; they were written for the platform-stage, which was only dimly lighted and which required all the acting to be done close to the out-curving footlights. The actors of to-day perform on a stage behind a picture-frame, withdrawn lighted in every part and set with accurate scenery; and they have therefore had to abandon the oratorical amplitude proper enough to the earlier conditions. They have adopted the simpler, subtler, and more realistic methods which are called for by the theater of to-day and by the plays which are written for the

theater of to-day.

WHEN THE SIREN FAILED

BY H. R. DURANT

ILLUSTRATED BY GEORGE GIBBS

BINOCULARS in hand, Burnham stood on the edge of the wide veranda and gazed seaward. Ten paces in front of him there was a sheer fall of two hundred feet to the edge of the Atlantic below. From his commanding elevation he swept the glasses indifferently across the skeleton of a sea-going tug beneath him and two pyramids of iron, marking the bow and stern of a coalbarge which had gone ashore but two months before, and in twenty minutes had crackled up like an egg-shell under the force of a relentless southeaster. Shrillcrying mackerel gulls were circling above the fishermen hauling a trap-net a short distance off shore, and still farther at sea a fleet of sword-fishing sloops and schooners wallowed like whales in the long, rolling swell of the ocean, the keeneyed harpoon-throwers in their pulpit seats bobbing up and down like a gull on a bell-buoy. Overhead a great blue heron heavily flapped his way northward and disappeared beyond the lighthouse. the east the sun had risen from the sea, a huge ball of fire, and was already tempering the early morning chill of the island.

A damp breath fanned his cheek from the southwest, and turning his glasses in that direction he discovered a low bank of slaty-colored clouds rolling and tumbling toward the island, like smoke from a battery fire. It was fog—one of the thick, sudden fogs that were continually enveloping his island home and then disappearing quickly. He held his glasses steadily for a moment, and then turned to his man in the doorway of the bungalow-like building behind him.

"The fog has just picked up a steamyacht headed this way, Nelson," he said. "Now, we'll see how long it takes the lighthouse people to get their siren going. Yesterday's fog was on us for half an hour before they had steam up—time enough for fifty vessels to butt into the island and go to pieces."

Twenty minutes later a clammy veil of impenetrable mist had suddenly extinguished the sunlight and enclosed them with dampness and silence. Nelson had thrown a log of driftwood into the great, yawning fireplace, but it was with no sense of comfort or contentment that Burnham received the cheerful glow of the blaze.

"Beastly beginning for a day's sport," he reflected, "just when forty-pound striped bass were beginning to run."

However, it was not this alone which filled his mind with bitterness-it was the gloomy recollection that this was the fifth anniversary of his wedding-day, and the thought of the stormy scene which had occurred three months after Perhaps that was why his marriage. he laughed disagreeably. In spite of himself, his mind reverted to that closing act, again traversing with reluctant feet the worn paths which led to it. Because of it he had wandered to this Isle of Manisses, in the Atlantic, where he had since remained a self-established exile. From that day he had not heard one word from her-he had never read a newspaper or personally received a letter since. He had divided his ample fortune and transferred half of it to her. as well as deeding to her absolutely the town and country houses, and his yacht.

He had tried to be fair—he wanted to do all in his power to make amends for the wrong he had done in marrying her—as soon as he had realized they were not suited for each other. He had been born and bred to a life of idleness.

and he insatiably craved an out-door life -one free from professional and business cares, while Constance seemed to have but one ambition, that of a great career for him. His work had always been all play. She had sought to train him for things social-for the dual life of public service and a strictly conventional existence. Against this his very nature rebelled. A sharp warfare had developed between them, one that had torn and swayed them, and none the less bitter because she carried on the battle mostly for his sake. Her ambition scorched him like a continual fire, and at last his diffidence and constraint showed her his unhappiness.

Then came the day which stung him even now, as he remembered it. Forces terrible and unknown had fastened upon her and made her another woman-a being worlds apart from the girl he had wooed and won. He closed his eyes and again she passed before him-reproaching him for his deadness to her desires, for his indifference to doing a man's work in the world, for his deliberate neglect and refusal to use his great capabilities for the public good. Underneath it all he had remained silent. She had finished by showing her own discontent in lashing him with a scorn both eloquent and furious. It was then he had quietly proposed a separation, since it was manifest that their temperaments would henceforth be continually at war. They had simply made a common mistake; and, as he was now not answerable to any one, he would partake of the only possible remedy—leave her to live her own life without hindrance from

So he had taken up his life here, entirely alone except for his man, Nelson, the lighthouse-keepers, and the crew of life-savers at the other end of the island. In the first month of his suffocating loneliness he had been driven nigh to neryous desperation. Finally, one day, when all unstrung, he had sat down and written-written blindly of a man shipwrecked. Nelson had sent away the manuscript and had told him of the check and the glowing letter of acceptance from the publishers. After that he had worked harder, after the manner of a man desolate and stricken, and now that success, sudden and complete, had come to him, as a new and anonymous writer, he still remained unsatisfied. The breath of praise did not soothe. Why was it when his desire for happiness was still keen, when the joy of living was still his, that all real pleasure must be denied him? Was he never to feel the clasp of baby fingers?

Yes, there was something else-something besides loneliness and solitude, the edge of which time had not dulled. That big, white steam-yacht, suddenly disappearing behind a curtain of gray fog, had awaked old memories. she had steamed out of New York the day before, bound for Newport-now that the August season was at hand. New York-how he wanted a sight of the great city of his callow youth, its treeless streets, its brilliant lights, its incessant roar and restless energy-its veneer, aye, its conventional frivolitiesbecause, after all, that was what he had been born to; it had been his life, and he desired his own people with a longing which shook his soul. Unconsciously he had partially appeased his hunger for his friends and the old life in literary labor, but now-

Nelson's startled face appearing in the kitchen doorway roused him from his unpleasant reverie.

"Beg pardon, sir, but some boat is whistling to the south'ard, and I think she's headed this way. If they don't get the siren working soon I'm 'fraid she'll come ashore."

Hastily slipping outdoors they listened uneasily as the incessant "Whoo—whoo
—whoo——" grew nearer in the thick mist beyond land.

"Nelson, she'll surely ground, if they don't blow the siren in a few minutes!" Burnham cried excitedly.

The deep whistling of the boat was now near at hand, each instant increasing in volume until it seemed at their very feet. Suddenly came a sharp cry, a long despairing toot, followed by the ringing of a bell, and then—silence!

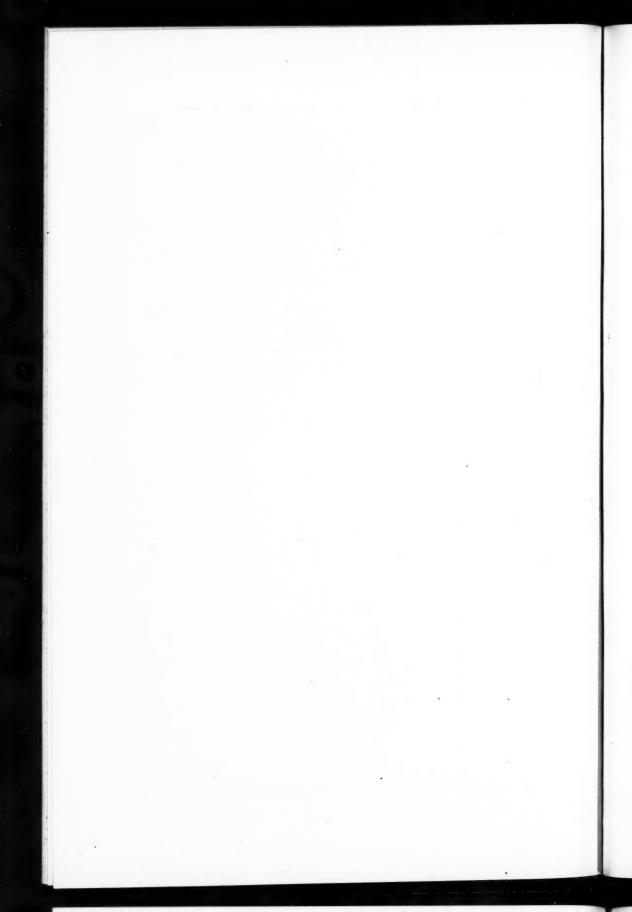
"She's struck!" exclaimed Burnham.

"Oh, steamer ahoy!" he yelled, but as an answering hail came to him through the megaphone, the delayed siren suddenly rent the fog with a terrifying wail:

"Ooo-o-o-ee-e! — Ooo-o-o-ee-e!——"



"MY HUSBAND, I NEED YOU!"



Thus they stood for a moment undecided and helpless until Nelson exclaimed:

"Look! There's the sun!" and sure enough, a great golden orange was looming beyond the fog. In a few moments sun and a southwest breeze had lifted the obliterating pall, and before their astonished gaze they saw a great white steam-yacht fast on the inner sand bar, not two hundred yards from shore and resting like a duck in the ocean swell. It was a modern pleasure craft, beautiful in outline, with polished brasswork glistening in the sunshine and a crew of sailors, clad in spotless white, scampering about the deck.

"Talk to her through the megaphone, Nelson, and ask if assistance is needed. I'll remain indoors. It may be somebody

I know."

Ten minutes later Nelson entered and looked away when he saw his master's expectant gaze.

"Your face is quite red, Nelson."

"Yes, sir-you see-I had to yell uncommon loud—the wind is against me to make them hear."

" Well?"

"She's bound for Newport. Captain lost his reckoning in the fog and got off his course. I asked him if help was wanted and he said she wasn't injured and that he'd get off all right soon's the tide rose."

"What's the tide now, Nelson?"

"'Bout half falling, sir."

"Um-well, it will take several hours for her to clear. Did you find out her name?"

"No, sir, I forgot that, sir."

"Very well-no matter. They'll be all right if it doesn't begin to blow. If a storm should come up, however, she may be driven in and smashed on the rocks. Perhaps you'd better go over to the light and see what's the matter with the siren. A boy with a tin whistle would be of more use to mariners than that counterfeit thing!"

Even now, with, perchance, friends at his door and the long-desired opportunity for intercourse with those of his own social world, the old habit of denying himself to all was too strong to resist. He slipped out the rear door and strode

effectually smothering all other sounds. rapidly toward the life-saving station, under a half-pretext of his duty to inform the crew.

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It was two hours later when Burnham returned. There was no sign of life anywhere, though the yacht was still aground. Turning, he crossed the veranda and dropped into a chair. An instant later he heard the kitchen-door swing slowly open and without looking up, he asked:

"Any news, Nelson, of the people on

the yacht?"

There was quite a pause before he realized that his man had not answered. He raised his head with a start to seehis wife! He arose to his feet, as she made a pretty gesture of recognition.
"Constance!" he said in a low voice.

"So this is where you live, is it? I felt as though I ought to call and pay my respects, you know. I came on the yacht."

Smiling, she held out one hand as he stepped forward, and then they shook

hands quite formally.

"What a pleasant room," she continued easily, as her brown eyes swept the large apartment. "Books everywhere! And what are those villainous-looking things?" nodding toward the end of the room, where six large sword-fish swords were crossed in the form of a star on the wall.

He told her, after he had paused for an instant, seeking to control his voice. She stood before him all friendliness and the same old alluring charm-seeming to fill the place with her warm, gracious personality.

"You are looking well," he ventured

"Quite well, thank you," she answered, drawing off her gloves. "I hope you are well, Jim."

"Never better, thank you."

"I didn't recognize the yacht." "No? She used to be black, you remember, and the deck cabins have been altered."

She noted his tall, lithe figure, the fine head, the bronzed, handsome face, and then for the first time her eyes fell. He could see that five years had made but little change in her. There was the same wavy hair, shaded like a frost-bitten autumn leaf, the same exquisite coloring of face, the same grace of form, and—

the same old imperious manner.

They were seated now-man and wife, and yet a universe apart through some incomprehensible fiat. She seemed to take it as a perfectly natural home-coming. It was as if he had left her yesterday, this physically perfect girl, and yet his puzzled brain told him vaguely that a vital change had taken place—that never again would she be the same. She had developed softly, ripening into a luxuriance beyond comparison. clever eye could detect anew graceful curves of form, a pleasant awakening in her sweet face, and that indefinable expression in her eyes like-he racked his brain-like that which he used to see when he knelt at his mother's knee.

"Well, sir," she finally asked with a smile, "are you properly impressed by

my appearance?"

"How you have changed!" he said.

"Have I? Well, you haven't. You look the same—vulgarly healthy. How am I—different?"

"What is it, Constance, that has changed you so much?" he insisted.

She smiled again with a wistful tenderness which he might have read had he been less shaken by her unexpected advent.

"How came you here—in this room?"

he demanded.

"I recognized Nelson when he spoke to Captain Dodge, and so I ventured to your aerie. How could you live here, Jim, all alone—year in and out?"

He looked up with a haggard smile. "I had no choice. There is an endless variety of things to keep one occupied. I have my books—the only real, constant friends a man can have. I have wanted nothing—nothing," he repeated half defiantly, but it hurt him when to his keen eye she appeared to wince at this.

"Yes, no doubt that is true," she said calmly. "I hope your great success will make your life complete. Your fame will be lasting, I'm sure."

"What do you mean?" he demanded,

startled.

"Ah, Jim, you must not forget that I was once a part of you. I know you too

well not to recognize your hidden self in your books, even though you write under another name. I did not know where you were, but in spite of yourself each new story has shown me the workings of your mind. As your career broadened and became manifest, I have been able to read your thoughts, but never have I—recognized your heart in them."

"Once you knew my heart-you ought

to-you had it in your keeping."

A deep red had begun to show through his tan. She arose.

"Gracious!" she exclaimed. "I almost forgot how hungry I was. Aren't you going to invite me to luncheon?"

Her quick change of subject, direct and deliberate, caused a deeper red to sting his face. He rose to his feet with a slightly exaggerated stiffness of manner.

"I beg your pardon, Constance," he said. "I have nothing to offer you but

fish. I'll call Nelson.'

"Would you—would you mind, Jim, if I arranged the lunch? I assure you I can. I have learned many things since you—since I saw you last."

III

He sat in a sort of daze as she glided in and out of the kitchen, setting the table with deft fingers. Her hands had always attracted him, and now the long, white fingers were unmarred by rings, except one—her wedding-ring. As he held the chair for her, he could not help asking:

"Have you been happy?"

"The last five years have been the happiest of my life. What is this excellent fish?"

"Bluefish. You are not free?" he

ersisted.

"Oh, yes, I am—perfectly free. You were good enough to supply me bountifully with toys—the horses, the yacht, and all the other things. I play where I choose."

"It may be that you will want a play-ground not bounded—more freedom—

before long."

He was looking away and did not notice her face grow strangely white, but she turned to him with spirit.

"Be honest, Jim-do you desire com-

plete freedom?"

"I beg pardon, sir," said Nelson from the doorway, "the tide is rising. The captain has just hailed us from the yacht."

"Mrs. Burnham is going presently."

"Very good, sir."

"A lonely place you live in," she said.
"There are worse places," he defended. "Finest bass-fishing in the world. When the snow and sleet come there is plenty of wood to keep me cozy—in summer there is always a breeze. Storms may dash themselves in blind impotence on the cliffs, because I am secure."

"Just like a man! With a woman it is often hard to escape storms," she re-

plied.

They had become grave again, and now she hastily broke a silence which was threatening. "You have not asked about my guests. Perhaps you are not interested!"

"Indeed I am. Who is aboard? You know I have not heard from one of my

friends since I came here."

"Not one—not even about me?" she asked incredulously. Her lips had parted and she leaned toward him slightly, seemingly to await his words with breathless receptivity.

"No—not even about you. I—I am horribly ashamed to admit it, Constance, but I did not know whether you were

dead or alive."

Her bosom rose and fell tumultuously and her eyes grew wet.

"I supposed you must have known about—about——" She halted and

clasped her hands nervously.
"What?" he asked calmly, though a

"What?" he asked calmly, though a nameless fear had clutched his heart.

"Why, about—my trips abroad. have been twice around the world."

"It has benefited you wonderfully. I am glad you could go. You were speaking of your guests?"

"Well, there is Aunt Sarah, Gertrude Wilson, and Jack Howland."

He drew in his breath sharply. Howland was the man she had not married.

"They have gone in the launch on a sight-seeing trip around the island."

"Well, the gay season is at hand," he said lightly. "To-morrow I suppose you will drop in at the Casino, then enjoy the ocean drive and consider that you

have formally begun the usual Newport routine."

"I was thinking more of to-day than to-morrow," she replied, as she arose carelessly and walked to the window.

"Do you mean that you are thinking of to-day because—because it is our an-

niversary?" he stammered.

" I am surprised that you should have remembered," she laughed; "you who seem to have forgotten so many things."

"I have not forgotten my mistakes," he said. "I can see now that a man's duty is not so much to himself as it is to others. For a man the world is a workshop—not a merry-go-round. I owed it to you, if not to myself, to recognize that, and to bring out the best and most there was in me."

"You did, didn't you?" she replied

approvingly.

"Perhaps I did, but it all came—too late." Again did her face grow colorless. "I was not altogether to blame," he continued with a touch of bitterness. "Mother was country bred, with an innate love for things of the woods and streams. It was my heritage of a passionate desire for the open air—for freedom from all restraint. That is why I was unsafe—why I made your life a failure."

"Ah, Jim, it was all my mistake," she said with deep humility. "Yes, it was," she repeated as he shook his head. "I was too impetuous. I should have waited. You were to be just what you have become, but in my unreasonableness I could not see it. I thought I knew all men, and I did—the kind I had grown up with through germans and house parties and all those superficial things. Not only did I expect too much in my husband, but I wanted it too soon."

She laughed; and had his thoughts been less gloomy he might have observed how akin to tears her laughter was.

"I have learned many things in—the space between. I have lived outdoors—I am no longer the shell I was, and I am almost convinced that, after all, perhaps he lives best who lives contented. Your sphere was not the market-place. I tyrannized over you, and would have driven you to great heights—I would have forced you into publicity and fame, when I should have helped you to live

your life. It would have been best for you and best for me. Well "—she turned toward the door—" it is as you said—many things are learned too late."

The outer door opened and closed

carefully.

"I beg your pardon," said Nelson, "but the captain and sailors are waiting in the small boat for Mrs. Burnham."

"Ah, yes, of course. You will help Mrs. Burnham to the beach, Nelson," he

said

The man and wife shook hands again quite civilly, and in another moment he was alone. His head dropped on his arms. He had realized it at last. It was not hunger for his old life, not desire for amusement—he was torn with longing, and sick for the need of her. Always he had nursed the secret hope that the rocks which had wrecked their early married life would some time form the pavement for their future journey together, but now their paths only led farther apart. He did not hear his man until Nelson spoke.

"The wind has shifted to the sou'east, sir, and already there's quite a sea on. If the blow increases, the yacht is going

to be in danger."

Burnham opened the door with a quick jerk. The air was coming in cooler waves and off shore the whitecaps were breaking with a venomous hiss. From east to west an ugly, black streak was growing larger above the horizon. The sun suddenly went out behind scudding clouds, and the steady flicker of lightning began in the south. Now a squall struck the yacht, whipping the water into spray, and his sensitive ear detected the distant roar of the wind. The ruddy lightning grew more frequent and vicious.

"Nelson!" Burnham's voice rang out sharply. "Help me slide in the dory. Then telephone from the lighthouse to the life-saving station and ask the crew to come over here. I am going aboard

the yacht."

IV

In a few moments he was in the dory, buffeted about like a cork, but making headway against the gale in spite of its increasing force. Once under the lee of the yacht the rest was easy. The cap-

tain stood awaiting, his face lined with anxiety.

"We're in a bad spot, Mr. Burnham.

I can't budge her."

"It does look dangerous, Dodge, but the tide may get us off before it is too late. Where is Mrs. Burnham?"

"In her stateroom—your old one." Overhead the waters boiled as he stumbled across the white and gold saloon toward the stateroom, halting suddenly as his wife quickly opened and shut the door, and faced him. He noticed her excited look, her disarranged hair, and the strange gleam in her eyes. He also observed her hand tightly closed over the door-knob.

"I thought you might be alarmed," he said, as a heavy sea struck the yacht with a crash which shook the vessel fore and

aft.

"It was good of you. I am-terribly

frightened!'

"There—it's all right," he said soothingly, as another churning sea boomed against the yacht. "Gather all your valuables at once, and I'll get you ashore

safely. I'd better help you."

"No-no!" she cried in a terrorstricken voice, raising her hands imploringly as he walked toward her. The rain came with a swirling rush, lashing the boat in blinding sheets and with a sound like continuous pistol reports. stopped as though suddenly stricken, and then his eyes searched her very soul. Something seemed to clutch his throat, and the tumult in his heart made him waver dizzily. A fleeting suspicion, cowardly and base, seared his brain and made him numb. Had she-had she told him the truth about her guests? Was there some one?-though it made him ill at heart, he gave way to an inexplicable and mighty rage, which made him push her aside almost roughly. The next instant he had swept wide the door and saw-a curly-headed boy, seated on a rug with his arms full of tin soldiers and looking up to him with a happy smile on his dimpled face.

He turned to her with a countenance grown instantly old. His look of anguish was a challenge—her reply was a gesture of unconscious grace which thrilled him through and through. Her lips trembled and she bent toward him with pliant sweetness, with a world of

pride and humility.

"Your son was born four years ago to-day," she said simply. Again the vessel quivered from the shock of a deluge. "I always supposed you knew," she continued half hysterically, "until I Then I learned differently to-day. wanted to keep him from you becauseyou no longer cared for his mother, and because-you might take him from me. I have been so proud of your boy, Jim! I have always wanted to show him to you. That's why I have searched for you all over the world. I'm not the same—I've had my lesson. Every pain it cost me to bring him into the world only strengthened my love for you."

As he looked at her dazedly, in awe of her new sacredness, she stretched her hands toward him beseechingly.

"Jim, my husband, I need you! I'll

be a good wife!"

He took her in his arms gently, while she clung to him and sobbed out her aching heart on his breast. He was pale and shaken—broken with wonder of the mystery of it all, glorified in the knowledge that she was his wife again for all time. His boy!

Suddenly the yacht careened before the smashing fury of the storm, going gradually over, farther and farther, until it seemed as if she must capsize, then slowly righting, and meanwhile reeling and trembling like a human being, as successive seas hammered her.

"We're clear, thank God!" came the captain's resonant voice above the wild

roar without.

Burnham heard "full speed ahead" rung, listened for a seemingly endless moment to the "chunk—chunk—chunk—chunk" of the engines, and then knew that they were headed safely toward the

open ocean.

When the life-saving crew reached the cliffs they beheld a beautiful, gull-like yacht poking her beak seaward, riding the mountainous waves with airy grace. Away in the west the afternoon sun broke through in a splash of crimson, bathing the vessel with all the holy splendor of a benediction.

TO A LITTLE WOODEN GOD

You queer little worm-eaten Japanese god!

The dealer declared you the genuine thing,
For ages neglected in darkness and dust;
He saved you for art—and the price you would bring!

Who carved you so crudely these centuries since?
Who placed you devoutly within the dim shrine?
What gratitude offered, what vows fondly sworn,
What incense was burned for your favor benign?

Some sharp Eastern knife formed your wide, stupid face; Some soft, slender hand left you timidly there, Scarce daring to ask her dear boon of your grace, With pledges of love and sweet incense of prayer.

Your blind, wooden eyes and beneficent smile Bespeak you a love-god, for love is the same Blind and happy divinity. Pray, were you kind To the maiden of Nippon who first to you came?

Your uplifted hand tells the blessing you gave—
'Tis ready, methinks, a new boon to confer—
You kept her heart loyal to vows of true love;
You brought back her lover with heart true to her.

Oh, dear little, queer little Japanese god,
I burn you sweet incense, I build you a shrine;
While the centuries pass there's no difference in love;
You answered her prayers then—to-day answer mine!

THE ITALIANS IN AMERICA

BY HERBERT N. CASSON

WHAT THE UNITED STATES OWES TO ITALY, THE NATIVE COUNTRY
OF COLUMBUS, THE LAND OF ART AND SONG, AND THE MOTHER
OF MODERN CIVILIZATION—THE GREAT ITALIAN IMMIGRATION
OF RECENT YEARS IS ADDING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT
ELEMENT TO THE POPULATION OF OUR COUNTRY

MORE than a million of Italians, will be able to celebrate Columbus Day on American soil. Naturally, the sons of Italy feel a special pride in the progress of the New World, as well as in the achievement of their own race. They can never forget—and they never should—that America was discovered by one Italian and named in honor of another.

In the four centuries that have elapsed between Columbus and Marconi, comparatively few Italians have played any conspicuous part in the making of America. There was none of prominence in the Revolution. There has been none in the White House. As late as 1850 there were fewer than four thousand immigrants from Italy in the whole United States; but in the last ten or offteen years a great change has come over the Italian people. They have begun to travel, to invent, to manufacture. You will find Italians to-day in all parts of the world.

An industrial boom has revolutionized the cities of northern Italy; and a flood of emigration to North and South America has entirely changed the situation in Sicily and the south. The Italians are now thoroughly alive to the opportunities of science and trade. The recent Milan Exposition was ample evidence of this. Especially in the development of wireless telegraphy and the making of high-class automobiles, Italy is now on the firing-line of modern progress. More than three thousand Italians crossed the ocean to visit our St. Louis Exposition; and our business with Italy, passenger and freight, has grown so fast that it is making eleven steamship lines prosperous.

THE INDUSTRIOUS ITALIAN IMMIGRANT

Hundreds of thousands of sturdy laborers, the flower of the Italian peasantry, are coming here to begin at the foot of the good old American ladder, and to climb up in the same old way. At present, it must be admitted, they are not popular among the races who arrived earlier. They know how to earn money, we say, but not how to spend it. They show little desire for education and refinement. They are not "good mixers." They herd together and remain aliens, plucking the ripe fruit of a civilization which they did not create.

All this is said to-day of the Italians, as it was said years ago of the Germans and the Irish. It is the criticism that the finished product always makes of the raw material. There is no answer to it, as yet. The only reply that an intelligent Italian laborer gives is this:

"Let us have a chance," he says.

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the tenth in a series of papers on the leading races that have contributed to the making of the United States. Next month's article will be on "The Dutch in America"; those already published have dealt with the Jews (in Munsey's Magazine for January, 1906), the Scots (February), the Germans (March), the Irish (April), the English (May), the French (June), the Canadians (July), the Scandinavians (August), and the Welsh (September).

"Wait at least twenty years, and see what sort of Americans we shall become. Just now we are ignorant. We are poor. We are slow-minded. But so would you be if you had begun life as a peasant in a backward country. Give us the same opportunity to grow that your fathers had, and we, too, shall soon have mind as well as muscle. Be patient with us, for we find that the oppression of centuries is hard to overcome. All that you can give to us now, in the day of our weakness, we shall pay back with interest when the day of our strength is here."

No one has ever denied that these laborers possess the basic American virtue—energy. They work, and they work hard. They come here with no delusions about picking up gold in the streets. In some of the Italian cities there are beggars by the thousand, but in the Italian quarter of an American city there are none. Every one is busy.

We are often surprised to see them work so hard and so happily; but from their point of view they are the most fortunate of men. Are they not toiling ten hours a day, instead of sixteen? And are they not getting nine dollars a week instead of two?

In their own opinion, too, they have shown a truly American spirit of enterprise in leaving the land of their fathers. They were rooted in the ground, like trees, yet they pulled themselves loose. In one instance, it is said that the whole body of peasants on a feudal estate in Sicily went on strike one morning, piled their shovels in a heap in front of the landlord's house, and wrote the following notice:

Sir, do your farming yourself. We are going to America.

That was their Declaration of Independence.

Many an American contractor has found these men quick to resent what they regard as injustice. A Boston employer, several years ago, cut down the wages of his Italian laborers ten per cent. The men said nothing, but there was an unusual amount of noise and activity in their camp that night. The next morning they appeared with an inch cut off the bottom of every

shovel. Less money, less dirt—that was their idea of fair play.

Although to our eyes they appear to retain their foreign ways, the fact is that an Italian laborer who has spent two years in America cannot be content with Italy. Most of those who return to their former life find it too narrow to endure. Unconsciously, they have become too much Americanized to slip into the old grooves.

SOME ITALIAN PECULIARITIES

As all other immigrants did at first, they have brought over some of the worst features of their own civilization, such as the *padrone* and the *banchiere*, for example. This is a result of the lack of a national spirit. Ask an Italian laborer if he is an Italian, and he will very likely reply, "No, I am a Neapolitan," or, "No, I am a Sicilian." A man from Palermo will refuse to work with a man from Messina. The immigrants from each province, and sometimes from each village, hold together in their wanderings, and feel hostile to all other groups.

The padrone, or banker, is the head of the group. It is to his interest to keep his men isolated and un-Americanized, and he does so as long as they obey him. Each group has its own lawyer and priest, as well as banker. Occasionally an entire village will transplant itself and locate in several tenements in an American city.

Another reason why the Italian laborers are slow to become Americans is that they meet our civilization on its rough side. It repels them. The only Americans whom they learn to know are their foremen, the saloonkeepers, the political heelers, and perhaps the policemen. We seem as unrefined to them, very possibly, as they do to us.

As to their alleged proneness to crimes of violence, there has been much exaggeration. Generally speaking, they are gentle drudges—honest, faithful, and inoffensive. In 1904, only one out of every twenty-eight thousand Italians in New York was sent to Blackwell's Island. The usual charge against Italian prisoners is "disorderly conduct," which often means no more than that some Irish or German policeman failed to make

sufficient allowance for the excitable Italian temperament. They are too quick with their knives. This they do not deny. But when they find that they can obtain justice in American courts they will not be so apt to be their own

avengers.

For the last ten years they have been exceedingly useful. They have built railways, dug subways and canals, mined coal and iron, and done all sorts of pick-and-shovel work. They have paid their way, and more, since they left the immigrant ship. In fact, if the Italians were to be suddenly mustered out of our industrial army, the army would be seri-

ously crippled for some time.

In their home life-such as they can have in the tar-paper shanties and the tenements that landlords and contractors give them to live in-they show many good qualities. Drunkenness is rare. Sociability is universal. To talk and be talked to is pleasure enough. The heights of rapture are reached by a little music, a game of cards, a glass of wine, and a parade with banners. Often they make their way timidly to the art museums, and point out, with many eager gesticulations, the work of their fellow countrymen. Who knows, but that one of these rough spadesmen may become the ancestor of a great American artist? Is not the peerless Caruso the son of a Neapolitan peasant?

THE ITALIANS OF NEW YORK

Those who have not watched the recent inrush of Italian immigrants will be surprised to know that New York is now among the four greatest Italian cities in the world. It contains about as many Italians as Rome, though fewer than Naples or Milan. Every ninth person in Greater New York is an Italian, and in the schools of the metropolis are as many Italian children as would equal the population of Salt Lake City.

Through the researches of Mr. G. C. Speranza, a well-known Italian lawyer in New York, I have obtained the following facts, showing what remarkable progress has been made by the Italians

of a single American city:

The four hundred and fifty thousand best known is John Palmieri, who holds Italians of New York, Mr. Speranza the honor of being the first man of Ital-finds, have deposited sixteen million dol- ian birth to ascend the local bench.

lars in the savings-banks, and invested thirty-five millions in real estate. They own ten thousand stores, worth seven million dollars, and do a wholesale business of eight millions annually. The total value of Italian property in New York is more than seventy-five million dollars. And practically none of it was inherited. It is owned by the people who earned the money to buy it.

There is an Italian Chamber of Commerce in New York. There are four newspapers printed daily in the Italian language. There are one hundred and fifteen Italian doctors, and a hospital with four hundred beds. Among the other professions, we find seven engineers, nine architects, twenty-one lawyers, and sixty-three druggists. One large savings-bank and one trust company, each with a million and a half in its vaults, have been founded wholly by

Italian capital.

The foremost Italian financier in New York is unquestionably Giovanni P. Morosini, who has gathered into his hands a couple of millions for each one of his fingers. The descendant of a house famous in Venetian history, he took part, as a youth, in his city's brave but fruitless struggle against Austrian rule; and in 1850, a penniless exile, he came to America, where he found employment of the humblest sort in railroad work. Nathaniel Marsh, then president of the Erie, discovered his ability, and he rose quickly to a high position in the business world.

Among other Italians prominent in the business world of New York are Joseph N. Francolini and Cesare Conti, the veteran bankers; Ernesto Fabbri, who was for years an associate of J. Pierpont Morgan; Antonio Zucca, president of the Italian Chamber of Commerce, and Celestino Piva, a silk merchant, who has made himself generally

beloved by his generosity.

The New York Italians can also show three professors—Carlo Leonardo Speranza, of Columbia; Edoardo San Giovanni, of the New York University; and George Bendelari, formerly of Harvard, now an editor of the Sun. In law, the best known is John Palmieri, who holds the honor of being the first man of Italian birth to ascend the local bench.

Judge Rapallo, who sat for many years in the New York Court of Appeals, was born in this country of Italian parents. In medicine, the name of Dr. Antonio Stella is one which all Italians are quick to mention.

ITALIANS IN ART AND MUSIC

But it is when we come to music and art that we find the fire of Italian genius burning most brightly. How desolate would our grand opera be if we took away from it the music and the singers of Italy! And what a wreckage would there be in our art museums if we were compelled to restore to the Italians all the treasures that have been produced by their race!

Three statues have been presented to New York by the Italians—that of Columbus, in Columbus Square; Garibaldi, in Washington Square; and Mazzini, in Central Park. Their next gift is to be a statue of Verdi. On New York's new Custom House, too, one of the most brilliantly executed figures is the work of Michele Tonetti, representing Venice at the height of her greatness.

In addition to Tonetti, the central Italians in the artistic world of New York are Pilade Bertieri, the portraitpainter; and three sculptors—Giuseppe Moretti and the brothers Attilio and Furio Piccirilli. The colossal monument which is to be erected in memory of the victims of the Maine will take shape under the hands of the Piccirillis.

One Italian who held for years a high place in the world of American art was the late General Luigi Palma di Cesnola, director of the Metropolitan Museum. All he had-his large private collection and half a lifetime of service-he gave to the United States.

Most brilliant among the stars of grand opera is the great tenor, Enrico Caruso. It is not quite three years since Caruso sang his first note in this country, and at the end of each season he flies back to Europe so quickly that we cannot put him down as an American; but the story of his success sounds so typically American that we feel he belongs to us by right. Born in a peasant's cottage, the fourteenth child in a family of twenty-four, he had no advantages except those which poverty confers. He became a mechanic, and then, ten years ago, he was paid eight dollars a month for singing in an opera. His wonderful powers were quickly recognized; and to-day he is the reigning tenor of the hour, the courted favorite of the entire musical world.

Second to Caruso in popular favor come such singers as Antonio Scotti, who, like the great tenor, is a bird of passage; and Giuseppe Campanari, who has made a permanent home in America. Two other Italians who have made their names known to our music-loving public are the conductors Creatore and Francesco Fanciulli.

GARIBALDI'S HOME ON STATEN ISLAND

In recent years we have been visited by four Italians of world-wide fame-Eleanora Duse, the tragedienne; Pietro Mascagni, the composer of "Cavalleria Rusticana"; William A. Marconi-son of an Italian father and an Irish mother—the wizard of wireless telegraphy; and Senator A. Brunialti, who represented his country at the St. Louis Exposition. At an earlier period the United States had glimpses of Tommaso Salvini, the noted actor, and of Garibaldi, the hero of Italian unity, whose romantic career of defeats and victories was more dramatic than any drama. The great patriot fled to this country for refuge in 1850, and for two years supported himself by making candles in a little shop on Staten Island. A hand-'some memorial is now being built which will entirely enclose the small frame cottage in which he lived.

Outside of New York there are not so many Italians among the illustrious few. In California, where they have practically been the founders of the winemaking business, the most conspicuous figures are Congressman Saporetti and State Senator Palmieri, In Chicago there are Dr. A. Lagorio, director of the Pasteur Institute; Professor Vecchione, a composer; and many prosperous merchants. In Philadelphia there is Giuseppe Donato, the sculptor; and in Boston, where two million dollars' worth of real estate is held by Italians, there is Adolfo Rossi, who has accomplished great things for the welfare of his peo-

Two other Italians who hold high places in the New World are the Apostolic delegates, Archbishops Falconio and Sbarretti, who represent the papal authority in the United States and Can-

ada, respectively.

Such are the most prominent Italians in America—from an American point of view, of course. In the seclusion of the many Italian communities there may be others of equal greatness, who are unknown to the outside public. It is a short roll of honor, but sparkling with great names. Half of them come from the world of art and music. It seems to be the double mission of Italy at the present time to supply us with muscle and genius.

AMERICA'S ITALIAN DISCOVERER

The greatest Italian who has ever been on American soil was the one who set foot on it first-Christopher Columbus. Taking it in its results upon the world history, no other achievement of man, before or since, equals his. He did more than to double the size of the world. He altered the whole structure of human knowledge and civilization.

With every new century, the story of Columbus grows more wonderful. How his great idea came to him from the making of maps and the study of his Bible; how he traveled for eight years before he made his first convert, and for ten years more before he got his first ships; how his final success was infinitely greater than he ever knew-all this will be told to every succeeding genera-

tion of young Americans.

Even in this age of science, when every rock is charted, the man who crosses the ocean in a ninety-foot sailing vessel, as Columbus did, is marked out as a man of courage. But as long as the world lasts, no one will ever be compelled to sail again into the jaws of horror and mystery, overmastering the fears of his men and his own fears as well, and defying for ten weeks the hobgoblins of an unknown element.

Whoever may discover the North Pole, for instance, or cross the ocean in an air-ship, will have nothing to encounter except the known forces of nature. But Columbus had to grapple with the supernatural. At that time the Atlantic Ocean was called the Sea of Darkness. Columbus, as well as his sailors, believed in mermaids, in the manatee, a sea monster that ate Christians.

"Are there no graves at home?" asked the trembling sailors, as week after week went by and the promise that Columbus had made to them was unfulfilled. But none of these things moved the great Italian. For eighteen years he

had been learning to persevere.

In spite of the ill-treatment which he afterward received from his Spanish patrons, he never doubted that the world would do him justice. "I must be reestablished in reputation and spoken of throughout the universe," he said; "for the things I have done are such that they must gain, day by day, in the estimation of mankind."

Other Italians who shared in the glory discovering America were John Cabot, who sailed under the English flag and found the mainland five years later; Amerigo Vespucci, after whom the New World was named; and Verrazano, who set out with a French ship and discovered the island of Manhattan

in 1504.

It was by no means an accident that America was given to the world by an Italian. During the youth of Columbus, Italy was becoming a country distinctive by its outreachings for new learning. By the capture of Constantinople the Turks shut off the old trade-route to the Mentally and materially, Italy Indies. was looking outward, seeking new ways to old goals. And the whole swing of Italian thought was toward the future. The map and chart which Columbus used had been prepared by Fra Mauro, a Venetian, and Toscanelli, a Florentine.

Italy was the mother of our modern civilization. From her came the revival of learning, the dawn of science and political freedom, and the new era of finance and industry. With this in view, it becomes impossible to tell the complete story of Italian influence upon the United States. Italy has given us much, and apparently she has much yet to give. If we may judge of her intentions by the immigration reports of the last three years, she is getting ready for a grand trek along the sea-path that was marked out by Columbus.

AUTUMN LEAVES

BY LEIGH GORDON GILTNER

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"Now, mother!" Mrs. Jim Bascomb set the bread-bowl down on the kitchen-table with an emphatic thump, and turned sharply to face the mild-eyed elderly lady in the chair by the stove. "You know as well as I do that it's all nonsense for you to be carting that great cumbersome feather-bed about with you from place to place! Feathers are unhealthy, and I won't have them used in my house. I've got good, comfortable cotton-top mattresses on every bed I own, and I reckon you can make out, if you'll just think so."

"Why, Elviry," faltered the elder woman, "I've always been used to feathers. I've slept on 'em all my life—me and my children. I'm pretty peart for a woman of my age, and there ain't three healthier people in the State than John and James and Drusilly."

"It's nonsense, just the same," snapped Mrs. Jim. She was by no means an ill-natured woman, but she had a sharp, incisive way of speaking which invariably caused her mother-in-law to start. "It's just a notion, anyhow, and I don't believe in giving way to whims. I had your feather-bed sent up garret the minute the wagon came, and Hannah and I'll pack it away in moth-balls to-morrow."

Mrs. Bascomb sighed faintly, and said no more. She had been domiciled under her daughter-in-law's roof less than three hours, but she already realized the futility of argument where Mrs. Jim was concerned.

The younger Mrs. Bascomb was what is generally termed a "good manager." She had certainly managed her husband—who inherited his mother's yielding disposition—into the complaisance of a well-constructed automaton. Yet she was a stanch friend in time of trouble;

she was always ready to give of her substance to the needy; she was anxious that everybody about her should be happy—provided she were permitted to be the arbiter of their felicity. She regarded the coming of her husband's mother into her home as a sacred charge laid upon her, and she earnestly resolved to make the elder lady comfortable and contented.

When John Bascomb died, some two years earlier, he had bequeathed to his widow a comfortable little property, and it had been her earnest wish to live on quietly with Martha, her one servant, at the old home which had been the scene of her thirty years of tranquil married life. But her children had raised an outcry at the bare suggestion. They had pointed out that it would seem a reflection upon them for her to live alone when their homes and hearts were open to her; so in the end Mrs. Bascomb was prevailed upon to sell the old house with its host of memories and associations and enter upon a dubious course of "living around" with her children.

The first two years, spent with Drusilla, her married daughter, and John, her eldest son, had passed pleasantly enough, though even with them the mother's sensitive nature made her feel herself an interloper at times. Jim was her youngest, and, the others declared, her favorite. He lived, too, in the village near which her old home stood; and yet she had looked forward with secret dread to her so journ in his house.

At the tea-table on the evening of her arrival, after an ineffectual struggle with the glass of buttermilk at her plate, she looked timidly across at her daughter-in-law and ventured hesitatingly:

"May I have a cup of tea, Elviry?"

"There isn't an ounce of tea in the house," was the curt response. "Any

doctor 'll tell you that tannic acid is a rank poison, and I never allow tea on my table. We usually have coffee for breakfast-Jim's that spoilt he vows he can't do without it, though it's just a notion, of course. But as for tea! Why, mother, I'm surprised at your taking it at your age-and especially at night. It's a won-

der vou sleep at all!"

For a moment Mrs. Bascomb felt that she would have given much to exchange the cheerless neatness of this well-ordered house for her daughter's less immaculate home, with its brood of noisy children and its air of comfort and hospitality. But she forced back the tears that came into her eyes, and bravely essayed a smile.

"Maybe you're right, Elviry," she said gently. "I reckon I am kind o' notionate, and maybe I'll feel better with-

out it."

"By the way, mother," interposed her son, seizing the opportunity to change the subject, "I was talking to one of your old friends down at the post-office to-day. Do you remember Henry Stiles? He says he used to know you before you were married, and he vows you were the prettiest girl in the neighborhood. He and his son bought the old Durrett place while you were with Drusilla, and they've been living there ever since. He says he's coming up to see you and talk over old times."

Mrs. Bascomb's eyes lighted up, and a delicate flush crept into her faded cheek.

"Why, dear me, Jimmy," she said, "I'll be glad to see him! He used to be a beau of mine-before your pa come around—the first beau I ever had. It'll just do my heart good to get a chance to talk over the old days. He married Malviny Peck-Zachary Peck's daughter. I always liked Malviny. We were prime friends as girls, and I'll be mighty glad to see her again."

"Mr. Stiles is a widower, mother-has been for fifteen years," her son explained. "He owns considerable property—they say he coined money out West -and he's considered a pretty good catch. All the old maids and widows in the neighborhood are setting caps for

Mrs. Jim shot a swift glance at her mother-in-law. The unconscious face upon which her sharp eyes rested, though worn and faded, was still comely, and after an instant's critical scrutiny she turned and frowned her husband into silence. A sudden disquieting thought had occurred to her.

In the days that followed, Mrs. Bascomb found herself taken in hand and "managed" with a thoroughness which reduced her to the verge of melancholia. All her actions and movements were regulated by her daughter-in-law, who decided what she should eat, what she should drink, and wherewithal she should be clothed. On the Sunday after her coming, she laid out on her bed a modest, soft, gray gown, which Drusilla, knowing her mother's weakness for pretty things, had made for her as a birthday gift. Mrs. Jim entered and espied it.

"Why, mother!" she exclaimed, "you don't mean to say you're thinking of wearing that dress to church? It's entirely too young and too fixy for you. It'll make talk if you come out in colors the first thing. Folks 'll say you're set-

ting out again!"

Poor Mrs. Bascomb meekly folded away the dainty gown, and replaced upon its shelf the box containing the becoming little gray velvet bonnet with the knot of violets which Drusilla had thought so pretty against her mother's soft, gray hair. She was glad that Mrs. Jim had not seen that bonnet.

Gradually, as the days went by, she grew more silent and listless. The old neighbors who came to see her found her

oddly changed.

"You wouldn't know Lucindy Bascomb," one of them told another. "She's no more like herself than if she wasn't the same person. She used to be always busy and bustlin' and smilin'-and now she jest sets and rocks and hardly ever opens her mouth. I reckon she's still grievin' for John Bascomb, though to my mind he wasn't no great shakes of a man."

One night, as the Bascomb family sat grouped about the evening lamp, there came a vigorous knocking at the door. A moment later Hannah ushered in a man the sight of whose genial, ruddy face made the vague past-of which she had been dreaming-a vivid present for the elder Mrs. Bascomb.

Time had dealt kindly with Henry Stiles. The years had grizzled his hair and rounded out his once angular form; but the jolly, clean-shaven face, with its twinkling blue eyes, was not unlike that of the youth she remembered.

"Why, Lucindy," said the familiar voice, which time had but mellowed and deepened, "it does my heart good to see you! I reckon it's thirty year or better since we met, though nobody'd ever think

it to look at you!"

Mrs. Bascomb flushed with pleasure. The sense of loneliness and desolation which had become habitual with her was already beginning to fade before the frank cordiality of this friend of her youth. He sat down and began to talk, touching lightly on old memories-pleasant ones only-and recalling amusing incidents of a day which did not now seem so remote. His cheery presence seemed to pervade the quiet room. The house rang with his jolly laughter. Mrs. Bascomb forgot her awe of her daughter-inlaw and laughed with him-laughed as she had not done for many a long day. A delicate color like the tint of a seashell came into her soft, wrinkled cheek. Her mild blue eyes kindled and sparkled. A rebellious little gray curl-which Henry Stiles remembered as brownescaped from the severe coiffure on which Mrs. Jim insisted, and fell across her brow. An unconscious shade of coquetry, reminiscent of the day when Lucinda Mitchell had been the prettiest girl in the county, crept into her manner.

Time passed unheeded, till, as the clock struck for the second time since the guest's arrival, Mrs. Jim's voice was heard to say uncompromisingly:

"Bedtime, mother!"

Mrs. Bascomb, with a swift return of her wonted manner, rose hurriedly, while Stiles, amusement and amazement struggling in his countenance, took his departure.

After that he fell into the way of dropping in twice or thrice a week, and the fact that the cordiality of Mrs. Jim's reception diminished in direct ratio to the frequency of his visits apparently disturbed him not at all.

The climax came on a Sunday some weeks after his first visit. It was one of

those bright days which sometimes come in mid-October—days with a lingering hint of summer in the air. Old Mrs. Bascomb's heart was glad within her when at dinner her son suggested that they should all drive out to afternoon service at Antioch—a country church five miles away.

Mrs. Jim readily assented.

"Well, I guess I don't mind going," she said. "It'll be a pleasant drive, and we'll be apt to meet friends. I wish we could take you, mother, but you've been coughing lately, and these warm fall days are deceiving. We'll be late getting back, and it grows pretty cool along toward night, so I guess you'd better give up going."

The look of disappointment on his mother's face incited even meek Jim Bascomb to remonstrance; but to no purpose. Mrs. Jim's laws were as those of

the Medes and Persians.

When Henry Stiles drove up to the Bascomb gate half an hour after Mr. and Mrs. Jim's departure, the wistful expression on the sweet old face at the window touched him keenly; and it pleased him no less keenly to note that its gloom vanished at sight of him.

"Why, Lucindy," he exclaimed cheerily, bustling into the room, "what are you doing housed up inside four walls on a day like this? Get on your bonnet and come out for a spin behind the best pair of bays in Bracken County!"

Mrs. Bascomb looked at him distress-

fully.

"I'd be glad to, Henry," she murmured, "but Elviry—she thought it'd make my cough worse for me to go out."

"Nonsense, Lucy! The air's like summer, and it won't hurt you a mite. Get on your things and come along!"

Mrs. Bascomb hesitated, and was lost. Ten minutes later she was speeding down the village street behind a spanking team of blooded bays, which Henry Stiles handled with the skill of the born reinsman. A soft haze lay over the landscape; the trees glowed with rich autumnal tintings; fitful showers of brighthued leaves drifted intermittently down; belated black-eyed Susans lifted their yellow heads along the roadways, and the sun shone warm and golden over all. Lucinda Bascomb forgot to fancy herself

a cumberer of the ground, and felt that

it was good to be alive.

Suddenly they made a familiar turning, and, almost before she realized it, her old home lay before her. Quick tears sprang to her eyes. She turned her face aside and brushed them swiftly away, but not before Henry Stiles's keen eyes had perceived them.

"Î'm sorry, Lucy," he said gently. "I thought you might like to see the old place again. It hasn't changed much

since you left it, they say."

The square, roomy house slept in the mellow autumn sunshine. Before it stretched the broad lawn with its flowering shrubs, which she herself had planted, and its fine old trees, each of which had been like a familiar friend to her. There was the well with its ancient sweep, and the little latticed springhouse that John had built for her. As she gazed at each remembered object a great wave of homesick longing swept over the homeless wanderer, and for a moment she broke down utterly.

"I didn't mean to cry, Henry," she said apologetically after a little. "But it's the first time I've seen the old place since I left it for good—and it came over me how happy I was all the years I lived there. I've hungered so for the sight of it! It was home to me so long that it seems like I couldn't never feel at home anywheres else. I ain't complainin'—my children have all been good and kind to me; but livin' 'round ain't like havin' a home of your own."

"I know, Lucindy-I know just how it is," her interlocutor responded with eager sympathy. "I've been a fifth wheel myself for fifteen years, though Kate and Oscar have done their best to keep me from feeling it. It's natural for people to want homes of their own, and for old folks to cling to those they've always It's like uprooting these old oaks and beeches to try to transplant us from the spots where we've grown so long. It's different with young peoplethey've got life before them, and they can make new homes and grow and flourish in fresh soil; but it ain't so easy for us that have passed our prime."

There was a little silence, broken only, by the soft fall of the fading leaves.

"Lucindy," Henry Stiles said sud-

denly, "I thought a heap of you in the old days—more than you ever dreamed. I tried hard to tell you so, but I couldn't ever quite get up my courage to speak. While I was hesitating, another man came and took you away from me. I reckon it was what I deserved, but it was a long time before I got over it—if I ever did get over it. Malviny was a good wife, and I was mighty fond of her, but I couldn't forget you, Lucindy!"

Lucinda Bascomb's fine old face was

suddenly transfigured.

"Henry," she cried breathlessly, "did you really think of me like that, in the old days when we was boy and girl together? Oh, Henry, I thought you didn't really care! I kept waitin' and hopin' for you to speak; but when you didn't, I told myself you were only foolin', and so—so I married John. He was a good husband to me, but if only—"

"Then you did care for me, Lu-

cindy?"

Mrs. Bascomb sighed wearily.

"Ah," she said, "let's not talk about it. It's past and gone now, and it was all so long ago!"

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As Mr. and Mrs. Jim returned from Antioch that evening they chanced to fall in with Jane Craig, the village newsmonger, and, in accordance with rustic etiquette, they paused for a moment's gossip.

"Well, Mr. Bascomb, I guess you're going to lose your ma before long," tittered Mrs. Craig, after a brief interchange of civilities. "I seen her out ridin' with old man Stiles this evenin', and from all I hear there'll be a weddin' at your house soon, I reckon!"

Mrs. Jim flushed angrily!

"Then you reckon without me, Jane," she said sharply. "You can rest assured that mother won't be allowed to make a fool of herself at her age—not while I'm responsible for her. You can tell people so from me. Drive on, Jim!"

When Henry Stiles next called at the Bascomb residence, Mrs. Jim curtly informed him that the senior Mrs. Bascomb was not well enough to see him. He accepted the excuse without question, but when he was refused admittance a second and a third time it began to occur to him that possibly Mrs. Jim was acting at her mother's instance. Per-

haps, he told himself, she had considered him a sentimental old fool. So he discontinued his visits to the Bascomb home, and, with a sense of loss weighing heavily upon him, took up the thread of his

daily life again.

One Sunday, for the first time in many weeks, he saw Mrs. Bascomb at the village church. It gave him a shock to perceive how worn and old she looked. There was a wistful droop at the corners of her mouth; her eyes were lusterless; her manner listless and dull. Once, near the end of the sermon, their gaze met, and his heart began to beat like that of any lad, for the look in Mrs. Bascomb's eyes told him plainer than words that she had not voluntarily cut herself off from a friendship that had meant so much to When the service was over, he stepped boldly forward, but the daughter-in-law deftly interposed and swept her mother away without giving him opportunity for speech. That afternoon he called-only to be curtly and conclusively dismissed by Mrs. Jim.

"There, I reckon that'll settle him!" she said to herself as she closed the door

upon him.

A few days later—on a cold January day when the drifted snow lay piled high and white along the roadway, Jim Bascomb found it necessary to drive to a neighboring town ten miles away. Mrs. Jim, to whom the weather was never a deterrent, decided to accompany him. The elder Mrs. Bascomb was left with

Hannah to keep house.

The morning had been bleak and gray, but as noon drew on the sun came out bright and clear, making the dead, white world a fairyland of winter glitter. Mrs. Bascomb sat by the fire in the quiet room, feeling very old and tired and lonely. She tried to interest herself in the work Mrs. Jim had left for her, but her thoughts would wander to the happiness which had seemed almost within her grasp.

Presently the sound of sleigh-bells drew her to the window. Some one was stopping at the gate. Her heart gave a queer little throb as she saw Henry Stiles leap out of the cutter and come swinging up the path, lithe and active as a boy. Some indefinable impulse impelled her to send Hannah to the door, while she hur-

ried to her room, donned the pretty gray gown that Mrs. Jim had condemned, and fluffed the bands of hair drawn tightly away from her face.

There was a soft color in her cheek, and an unwonted light in her eyes as she opened the sitting-room door. To the man awaiting her it was as if the spirit of her vanished youth had returned. He took both her hands in his.

"Lucy," he said softly, "you're prettier—a sight prettier—to-day than you were thirty-five years ago!" Mrs. Bascomb laughed tremulously and drew her hands away. "Get on your bonnet, Lucy, and bundle up well," he went on authoritatively. "I'm going to take you out for a spin!"

"Elviry-" Mrs. Bascomb began.

"Elviry is in Salyersville, and won't be back till six. Jane Craig told me and Jane is authority."

Henry Stiles evidently shared Drusilla's views as to the effectiveness of the violets under Mrs. Bascomb's bonnetbrim, for he gazed at her with open admiration as he helped her into the cutter and tucked the robes snugly about

"Lucinda," he said, as he gathered up the ribbons and chirruped to the bays, "I lost you once by dilly-dallying and delaying, and I've made up my mind I won't lose you again. I've a marriage license here in my pocket"—Mrs. Bascomb gasped—"and we're going to drive straight to the parsonage as soon as we've transacted a little business matter. I know you'll think I've taken a good deal on myself, but I can't get along without you, Lucy! And please God you sha'n't regret it if you marry me!"

Mrs. Bascomb murmured something of which the one word "Elviry" was au-

dible.

"Elviry be— Well, I reckon we can make things all right with Elviry. Jane Craig tells me she objects to your marrying again chiefly on account of the property. Now, I want you to drive by Lawyer Allen's office and make over to his children every cent John Bascomb left you. I've plenty to keep us in comfort the rest of our days. I deeded the Durrett place—stock and all—to Oscar this morning, and put a thousand to his credit in bank, so he'll have no cause for com-

plaint. There's plenty more to last us as long as we live. I'm taking it for granted that you're going to marry me, you see. Will you, Lucindy?"

With a new-born courage that amazed herself, Mrs. Bascomb answered reso-

lutely:

" I will!"

It was growing dusk, and the snow was beginning to fall again, when the business was transacted and the ceremony—witnessed by the minister's wife and Jane Craig, who was calling at the parsonage—duly performed; but Henry Stiles's heart was light within him as he tucked his wife into his trim cutter. Only the thought of her daughter-in-law interposed between the bride and happiness. For the past two hours she had lived and moved in a dream—a dream from which she momentarily expected Mrs. Jim's sharp voice to rouse her.

When her husband drove out of the parsonage yard, and turned his horses' heads away from the village, she had no idea where he might be taking her; but, secure in his protecting care, she nestled cozily among the robes and asked no questions until in the gathering gloom she perceived that they were turning in at the gate of her old home. Then she drew herself bolt upright, lifting her bewildered gaze to her husband's face, and

faltered:

"Henry, what-why, where are you

going?"

"Home, Lucindy," came the reassuring answer. "Your home and mine! I've bought the old place from Luther Beasley, and he's just given me possession. Here we are!"

He flung the reins to a grinning youth who came out to meet them, and lifted his wife bodily from the cutter to the piazza. The front door swung open, and a flood of ruddy light streamed out into the darkness. Dazed and bewildered, Mrs. Stiles let her husband lead her into the familiar living-room, where she stopped short with a gasp of astonishment and delight.

She might have left the room but yesterday. The light of the wood fire that crackled cheerily on the hearth was reflected in the shining surface of the quaint mahogany bureau and chiffonier. A great four-poster, surmounted by a huge feather-bed and a gay silk quilt, stood in one corner. The clawfoot table was in its wonted place, and her favorite low chair was drawn close to the fire. Through the open door of the diningroom she glimpsed a table laid cozily for two, while from the kitchen came the comforting odor of broiled ham and fragrant oolong. She sank into a chair, and looked mutely to her husband for explanation.

"I bought the house back just as it stood, Lucy," he told her, "furniture and all. Mrs. Beasley was a good housewife, and nothing was missing or damaged. I hunted up Marthy, who lived with you so long, and she helped me to fix things just as you left them. She's in the kitchen getting supper, and—and I reckon

it's 'most ready."

Mrs. Stiles's glance went swiftly from the warmth and brightness within to the darkness and storm outside; then back to the cheery room and the kind eyes gazing down at her with loving solicitude.

"Henry," she said—and her voice broke and quavered for very happiness— "I s'pose it's wrong to say it, but this seems like—like heaven to me!"

And Henry Stiles, smiling tenderly down upon her, answered softly:

"I reckon it's the next thing to it, Lucy. It's home!"

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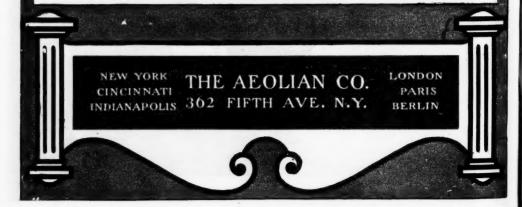
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Why Certain Hams are "Star" Branded

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ordinary hams—the pick of the total output.

■ This super-quality is important, for

the stomach's sake. The doctorexperts on diet all recommend ham

> — tender, mild-cure ham — especially for persons whose digestion is just a little "slow."

> ■ But be sure you get Armour's "Star" Ham, with the five-pointed star burned into the skin. That mark guarantees you the pick—a "just

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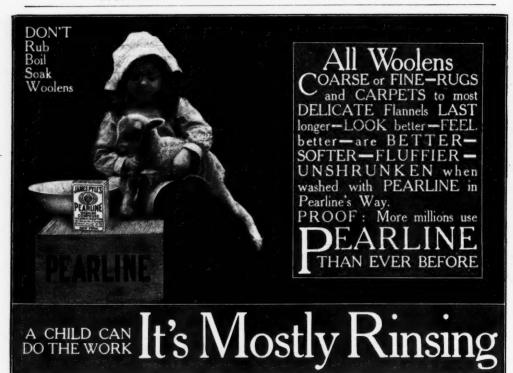
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If they look good to you, ask a dealer to show you a pair. There are now more than 16,000 stores selling Hamilton, Brown shoes.

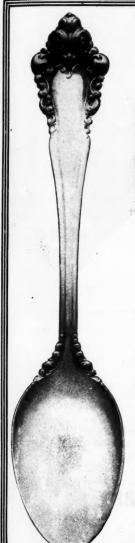
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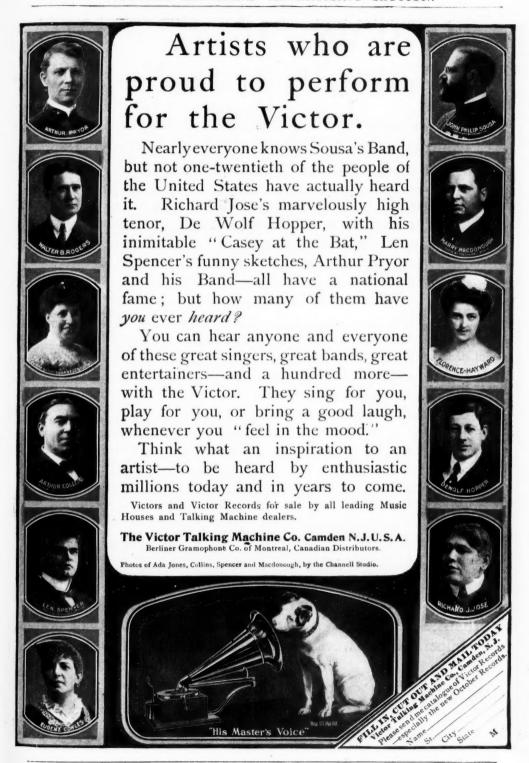
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Can be obtained from the leading Jewelers throughout the country at exactly the same prices as charged at the Company's New York establishment

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Almond Dishes	\$1.50 to \$	83.00	and	Salts (Pair)	\$2.00	to	\$10.00	
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Vases		30.00	66	Mustard Pots	4.50	to	10.00	
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Plates (Dozen)	60.00 to 19	00.09	66	Dessert Plates	00.00	00	N. 1.00	
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Breakfast or			(Steel Blades) 20.00 to 26.00 "
Dessert Forks	15.00 to 25	5.00 "	(Plated Blades) 21.00 to 28.00 "
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Dinner Forks	21.00 to 34	.00 "	(5 pieces) 20.00 to 25.00 "

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The smoker of medium priced cigars has been at the mercy of thousands of brand names, plenty of them merely stock labels that left room for plain Insures robbery. Cigars worth \$10 to \$15 Honest a 1000 have sold for 5c, each-gen-

erally to the manufacturer's profit. The dealer has been deceived fully as much as the public.

Five years ago the dealer could offer the public no definite, reliable assurance of the quality of the cigars he sold—and the smokers of medium priced cigars could not prevent these impo-

Today conditions are changed. In the past few years cigar quality has been immeasurably improved-and the new standard of qualityreal, tangible cigar value—is distinguished by a simple mark-the "A" (Triangle A) mark of

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So the American Cigar Company has established a distinctive mark of merit -a reliable standard of cigarqualities -this "A" (Triangle A) mark of merit. Fundamentally this merit Values mark stands for honest cigar value

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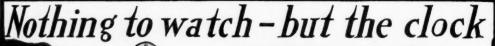
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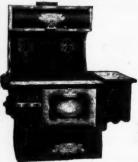
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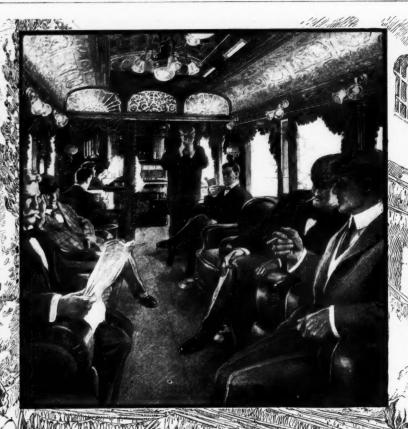
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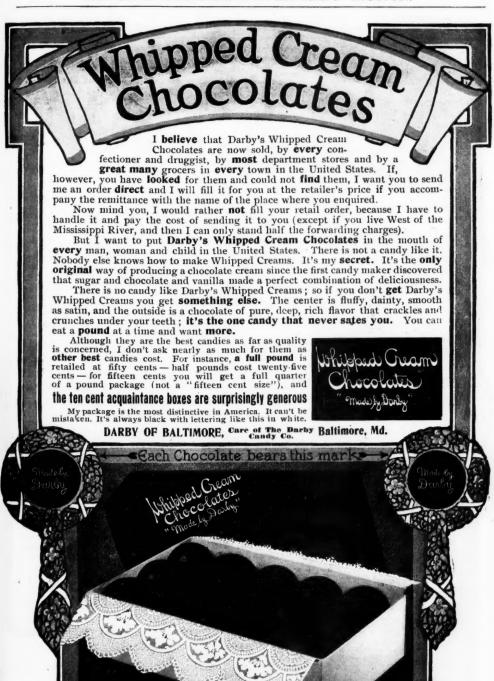
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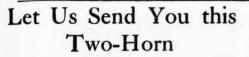
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"I can do more stretching and shrinking in ten minutes than your poor old needleworking Tailor could do in ten hours, as the Tailor knows.

"And no Consumer can tell, at sight, the difference in effect between my ten minute job and the needle-working ten hour job.

"Of course, my work won't last beyond the first damp day of wear.

"But what does Brother Tailor care for

"Before the Purchaser can wear the Coat on a damp day, he must buy and pay for it.

"And, when he has bought it, and worn it, then it's 'up to him' to keep his Coat in shape—viz., get it pressed up and shaped over regularly by Old Dr. Goose.

"Oh, yes-I know that's expensive!

"But the expense then comes out of the Purchaser's pocket—not out of Brother Tailor's pocket.

"Of course, Brother Tailor and I have to make our little Profit, you know.

"And it costs about ten times as much to shape a Coat Collar fully with permanent needle-work as it costs with my quick and easy process of hot flat-iron faking.

"What's the use of putting permanence into the shape of a Coat Collar, or into the Shoulders, when you can't get any more price for them from the Clothier, and it doesn't 'show' to the Consumer on the day of sale?

"'Sincerity Tailoring'-Bosh!

"What does Brother Tailor, or Brother Clothier, care for that if he can make a dollor or two more per suit, by the Dr. Goose method?

"Why, 80 per cent. of all the Coats and Overcoats made are shaped by the flat-iron.

"Granted they do wilt out in a hurry, and need constant pressing.

"But that's the Consumer's funeral.

"I tell you, Neighbor, this Kuh, Nathan & Fischer method is just so much profit wasted.

"Their idea of opening up every faulty seam, in a Revision Room, and their reshaping it by costly hand-needle-work is as foolish, to my mind, as their shaping of all Collars, Lapels, and Shoulders by the same tedious and permanent method.

"The Retailer won't pay them any more price for their Clothes on that account.

"And the Consumer doesn't care much, either.

"He doesn't know enough about the dif-

ference in permanence to care.

"Yes, yes—I grant you—the Consumer must frequently pay for pressing a flat-iron shaped suit, if he would keep it looking as well as a "Sincerity" needle-shaped suit would look without pressing.

"But that's the Consumer's Loss, not the Manufacturer's, nor the Retailer's loss.

"On, very well then-

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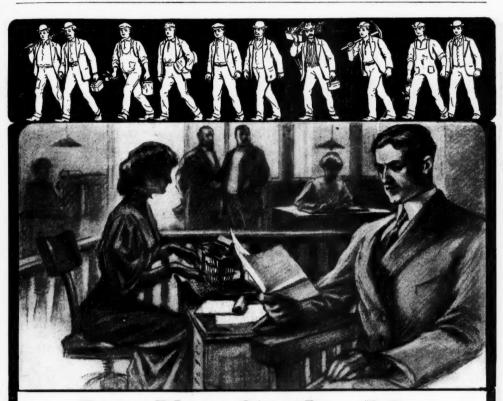
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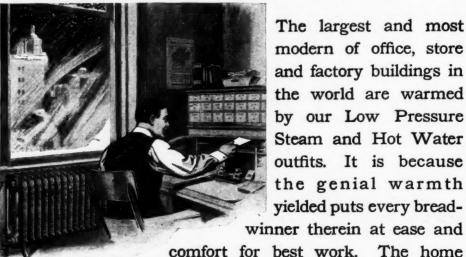
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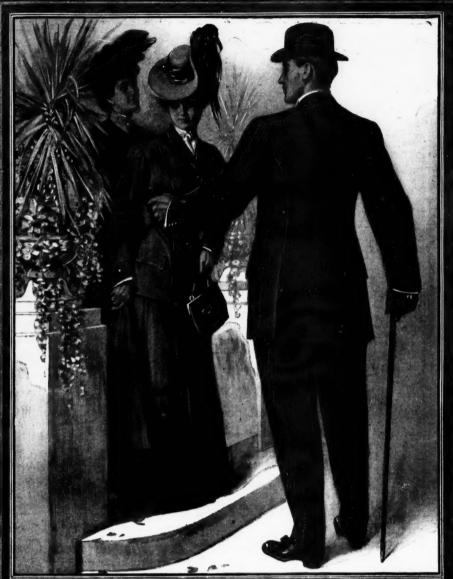
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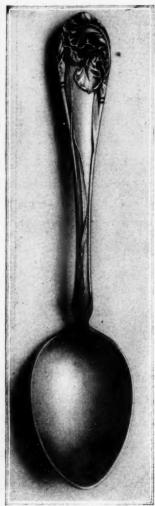


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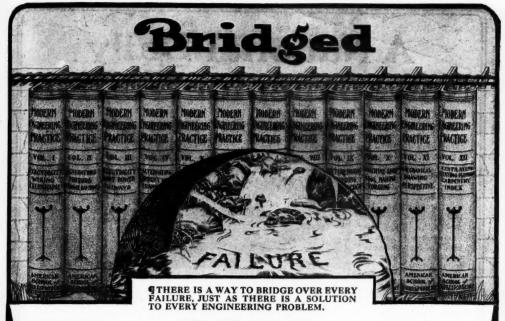


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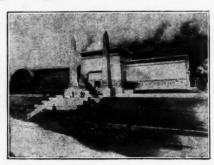
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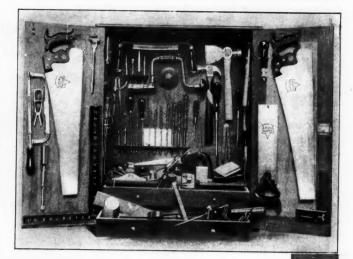
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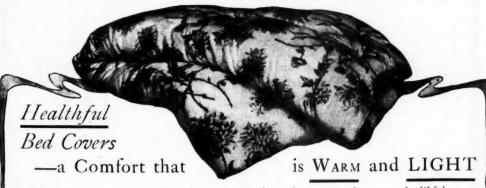


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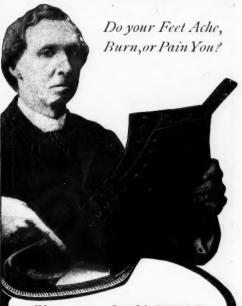
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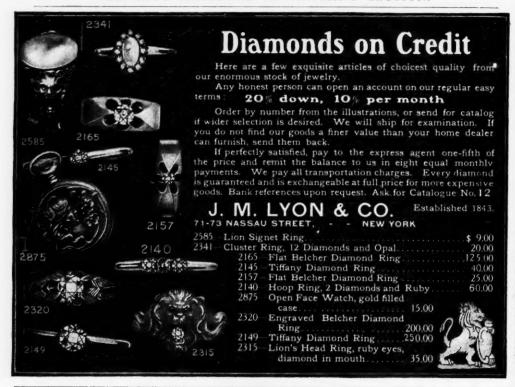
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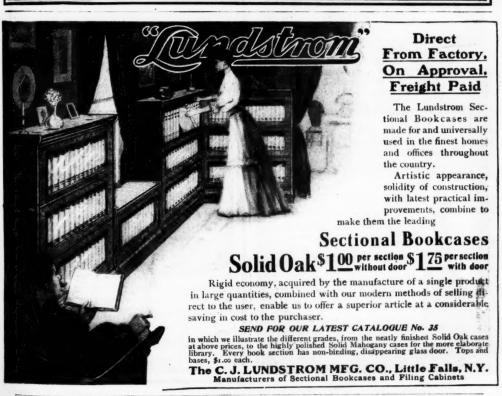


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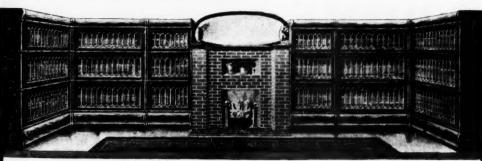
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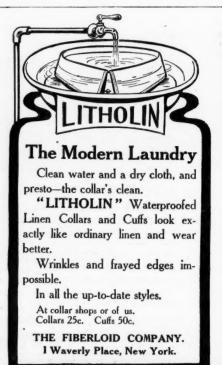
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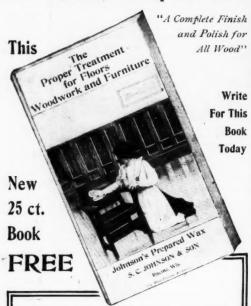
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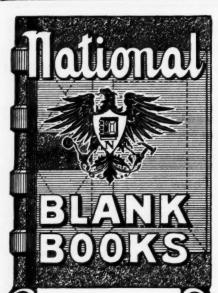
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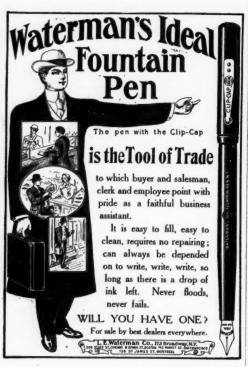
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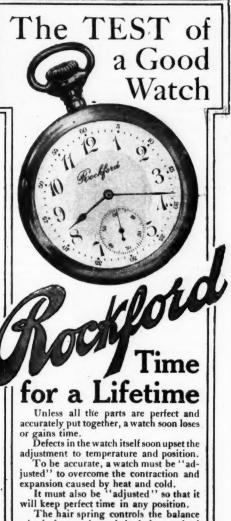
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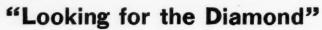
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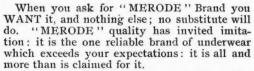


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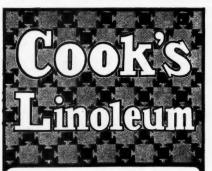


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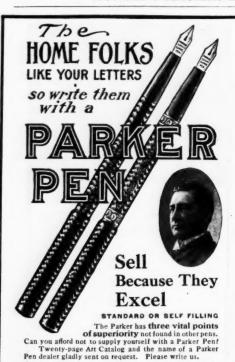
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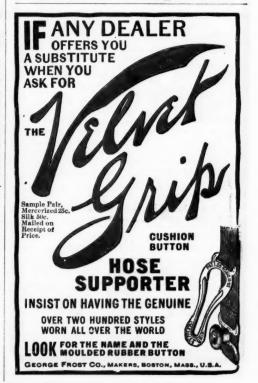
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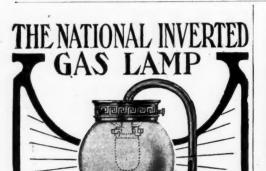
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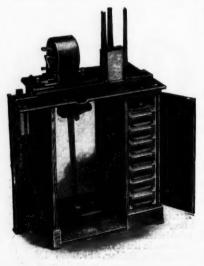
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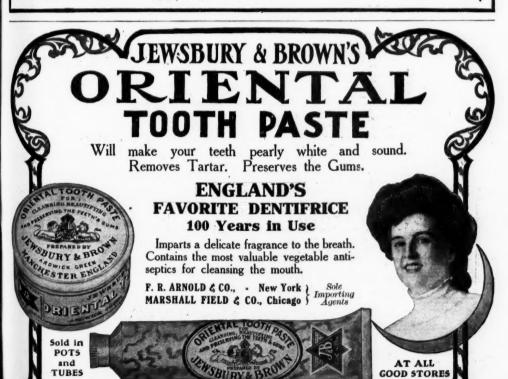
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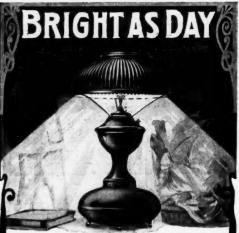


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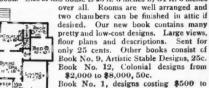
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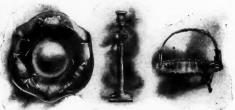
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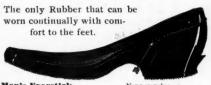
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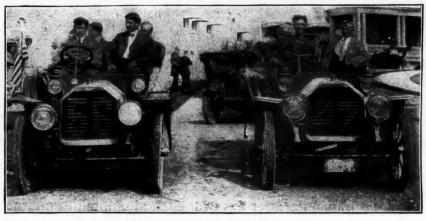
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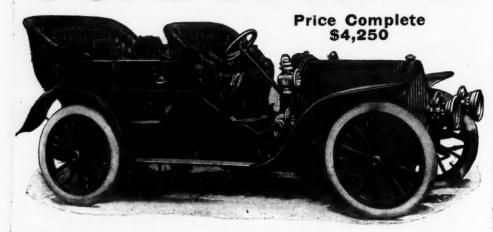
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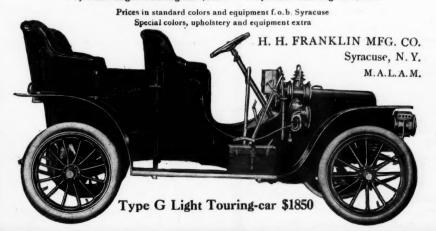
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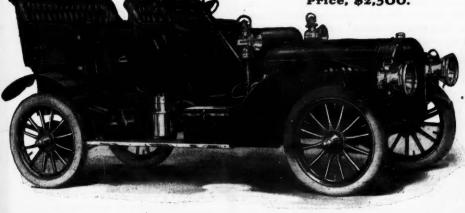
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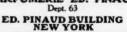
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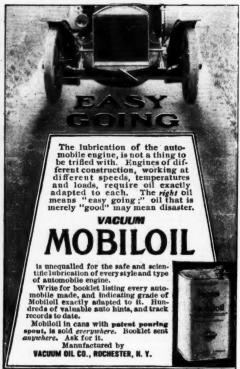
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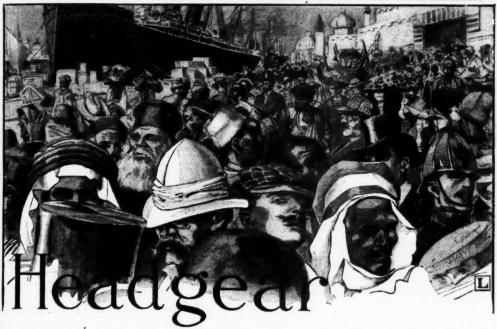
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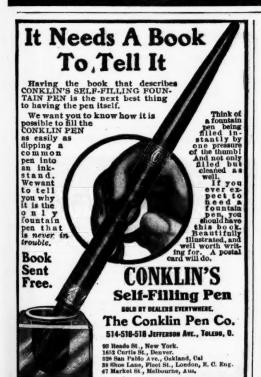
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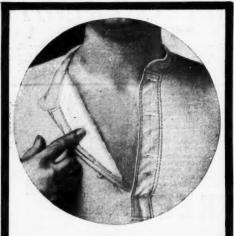
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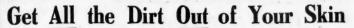
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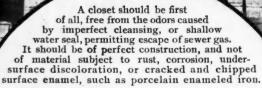
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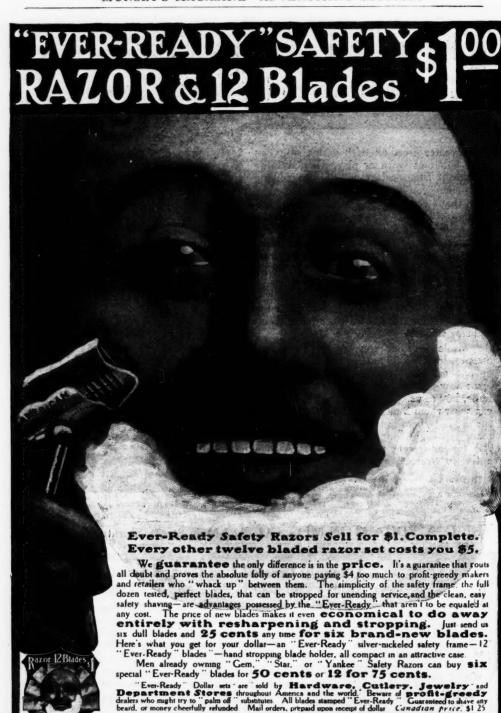


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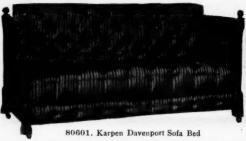


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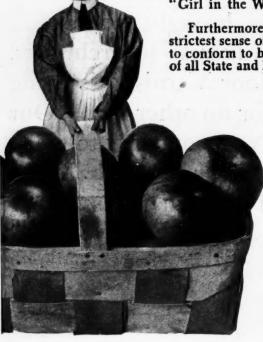
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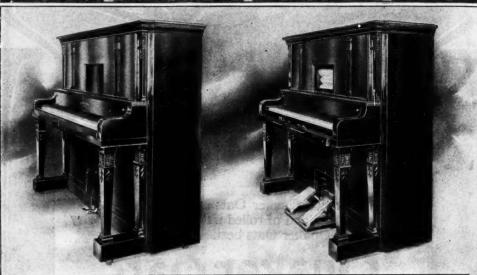
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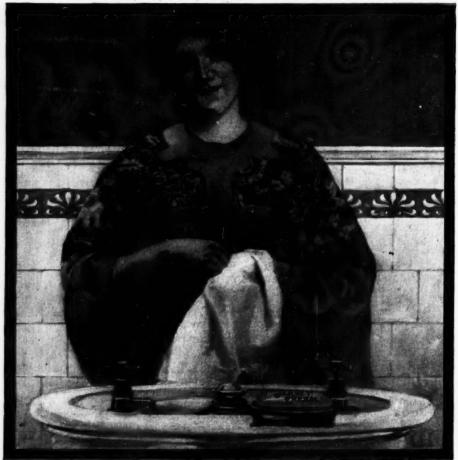
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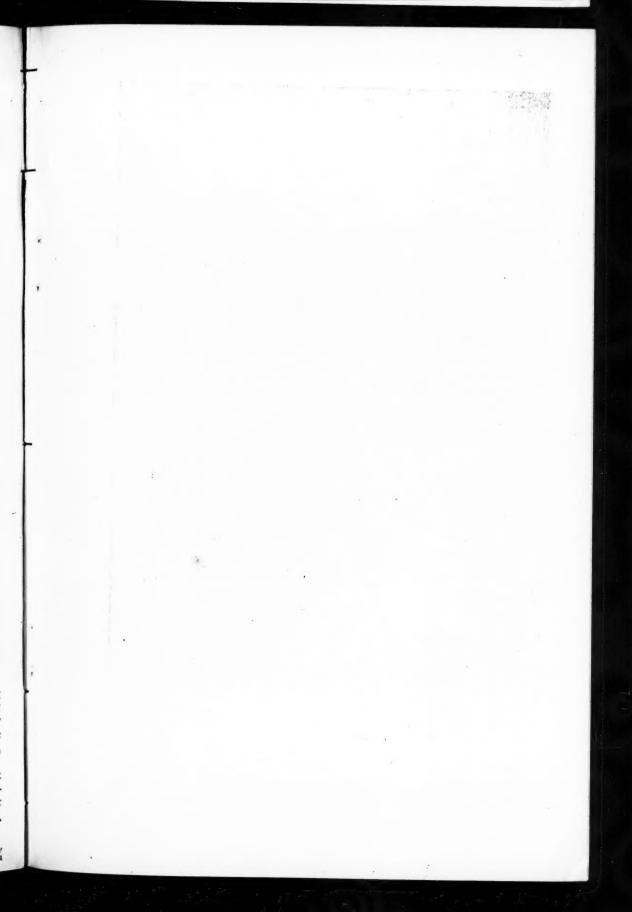
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[See story, "Guiding Horace," page 163]